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## INCUMBENT UPSET in school race: Eric Nadworny benches Dick Muller

By Don Staruk

When the precinct results were taped on the wall inside Dunn Gymnasium Monday, only moments after the polls closed at 8 p.m., the dozen or so supporters of Eric J. Nadworny shouted for joy, hugged and kissed.

"It's great news," said former committee member Bill Huston. "It's a complete sweep. We won all eight precincts."

"I have renewed faith in the integrity of this town," said Kari Hoffmann, of 2 Cyr Circle, a Nadworny campaign worker.

In what his supporters said was a call for change, newcomer Eric Nadworny won a lopsided victory over incumbent Richard R. Muller in their battle for a three-year seat on the School

Committee in Monday's town election. The vote was 2,087 to 1,363. Mr. Nadworny captured 59 percent of the vote to Mr. Muller's 38.5 percent.

The celebration spilled into the parking lot where the news was shouted to latecomers. And it extended across town to the Nadworny residence at 18 Rogers Brook East, where champagne was popping at a victory party.

"I'm very pleased. I'm glad that trust and integrity still matter in Andover," Mr. Nad-

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Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Eric Nadworny holds a sign at Andover High School Monday, several hours before being declared the winner in the race with incumbent Dick Muller for a three-year seat on the School Committee. That's Mary Ann Jelson behind him.

## Selectmen nix task force on growth

Sixth in a series on growth and development in Andover

By Don Staruk

Selectmen last week rejected a recommendation by their chairman, Larry Larsen, that they form a task force to study the effects of residential growth in Andover.

Although they did not take a formal vote, three of the five members voiced enough opposition to effectively kill the idea for now.

Dr. Larsen suggested the board establish a task force comprised of interested citizens to investigate the impact of growth and development on the town. But Selectman James Barenboim said he thought town planners should be in charge of any effort to look at, or deal with the growth issue. Planning is their charge and they've already completed the Master Plan and investigated many of the related issues, Mr. Barenboim said.

Selectman Barry Finegold supported the

task force proposal.

"I think it's a practical step," Mr. Finegold said. He agreed that planners should be involved with it, but said citizens' views are also important.

Steve Colyer, planning director, told selectmen he would rather hold off studying the growth issue until he has some evidence to work with. Laura DeGroot, senior planner, is in the process of putting statistics into

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## School Committee approves budget \$200,000 less than the superintendent's

By Neil Fater

In its first meeting, the new School Committee voted 3-2 Tuesday to support a schools budget \$200,000 less than the superintendent's recommended figure and

\$500,000 higher than the budget supported by the Finance Committee and selectmen.

As part of the \$29.4 million budget motion, approved by new Chairwoman Tina Girdwood, new Sec-

retary David Birnbach and new member Eric Nadworny, a first-time position for the rental of school property will be eliminated from the budget. Indicating he

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# Pat Sharkey: Not your ordinary student

By Naomi Voorhees

Pat Sharkey isn't your ordinary teen. The son of Eileen and Thomas Sharkey of West Parish Drive, he is captain of the basketball team at Andover High School, seventh in the senior class, vice-president of the National Honor Society and he serves on the board of directors of Andover High School's Community Service Program.

"He is an excellent student and a hard worker," says Principal Ellen Parker. "He has integrity and treats everyone with dignity and respect and is truly a well-rounded student."

In fact, Ms. Parker selected Mr. Sharkey as the Andover High School representative for the Jewish War Veterans Brotherhood Award. The award, according to Ms. Parker,

is given to seniors who have made significant contributions to the school and town.

As a member of the board of directors for Andover High School's Community Service Program, he helps organize the individual agencies and also assists in planning special activities. Moreover, he is in charge of recruiting students to participate in the program.

In addition to being on the board, Mr. Sharkey volunteers for a few of the agencies. This year, he heads a new program at the Lawrence Boys Club, which was founded by his basketball coach, Dave Fazio. Every week three or four students go over to the Lawrence Boys Club, whose members range in age from 5 to 14, where they tutor boys and in some cases, just spend time with them.

Pat Sharkey also runs an agency that is interested in incorporating community service into the High School curriculum.

Last year, he worked with

Habitat for Humanity. Every week seven or eight students would go to a Habitat for Humanity site in Lawrence and help build a low-income house for a family.

When he was a freshman he volunteered at Bread and Roses, a soup kitchen in Lawrence, and he also belonged to a program called PALS. Students from

Andover High School and Phillips Academy would go to the Leonard School in Lawrence and tutor students

Mr. Sharkey is a member of the Andover Youth Council. Its long-term goal is to build a Youth Center, but members also plan social activities for the youth in the community. Recently they transformed Old Town Hall into a dance club.

Mr. Sharkey wants to go to Georgetown University, where his older brother, Kevin, is currently a sophomore. Pat Sharkey says he hopes some day to be a professor. It's true that the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. His father is the principal of Billerica High School and his mother is a reading specialist in the North Andover school system.

Pat says he takes his classes at Andover High School seriously. He says he's not afraid to say that he respects a teacher. He particularly likes a class he took called Dominant Ideas of Modern Men.

"The ideas and topics we discussed were so interesting to me that it didn't seem boring. I wanted to keep exploring and learn more," he says.

When he's not working for Community Service or studying, he enjoys playing basketball with friends or spending time at Harrison's in North Andover. He spends most of his free time with his friend, Jeff Shea, hanging out in Jeff's basement.

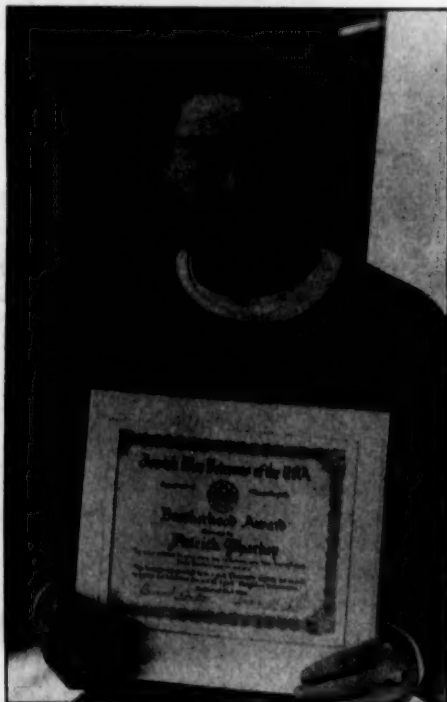


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# NEWS IN BRIEF

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State law requires that all dogs and cats must be vaccinated against rabies by 6 months of age.

All dogs must be licensed annually in accordance with state and local statutes. If residents have not yet licensed their dogs for 1996, call the town clerk's office at 623-8257.

## Cholesterol clinic set

The Andover Board of Health will hold a cholesterol screening clinic Wednesday, April 10, from 9 a.m. to noon for Andover residents only. An appointment is necessary.

## Rep. Coon seeks office space

State Rep. Gary M. Coon, R-Andover, recently announced his decision not to seek re-election and thus must close his local district office. The state does not provide funding for local district offices.

Rep. Coon is currently seeking a location to hold local district hours every Friday. He will continue to hold monthly office hours at Memorial Hall Library through the end of December.

He will hold local office hours Tues-

day, April 2, at Memorial Hall Library from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information, call Rep. Coon's Boston office at (617) 722-2100 or send him an e mail at Rep.GaryCoon@house.state.ma.us.

## League forum tonight

The League of Women Voters will sponsor a forum on the 1997 budget Thursday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m., at Memorial Hall Library. The forum will be televised live on Channel 11 and questions will be allowed.

## Two health clinics set

Home Health VNA will hold a free health clinic Monday, April 8, at Andover Commons, and Monday, April 22, at Frye Circle from 1 to 3 p.m. both days.

## Traffic, parking changes Monday at AHS

Big changes will take effect for those driving to Andover High School, according to Patrolman Bob Cronin, the police departments' safety officer. The changes, which may come as early as Monday, are intended to allow bus traffic to flow more freely and to reduce the chance of accidents, Officer Cronin said.

Starting this Monday, April 1:

- The old driveway off Shawsheen Road will be closed as will the old parking lot next to the Collins Center. Both will be in the demolition phase and eventually a new playing field will

be built in that area.

- The new main driveway will be for two-way traffic between Shawsheen Road and the new main parking lot, in front of the tennis courts.

- The new main parking lot will no longer have the option to exit toward West Middle School. Motorists can exit either out the main driveway to Shawsheen Road, or toward Moraine.

- The exit driveway from the main parking lot going toward Moraine Street will be one-way going out between the main lot and the second parking lot. Motorists using the turnaround in front of the main entrance will have to exit toward Moraine Street. That driveway will then be for two-way traffic between the second lot and Moraine Street.

## Want to write for the Andover Townsman?

The Townsman is looking for an intern to work at the paper. Interns write stories, check facts, file, do some research, compile the events and news calendars and other tasks.

Interns are trained by the editorial staff and usually make a commitment of working 20 hours a week. The paper especially would like an intern now who could work about five hours on Wednesdays, in addition to be-negotiated other hours.

Interns are usually college students who are majoring in journalism or who have an interest and some experience in writing.

Call Perry Colmore at 475-1943.

## Quote, unquote . . .

**T**he clear implications of these statements are that gay men cannot be trusted with children, and that they are not honest, decent citizens.

Michael B. Frish, in a letter, page 35

**W**e spend millions of dollars on a new gym, but can't afford to hire a much needed full-time guidance counselor.

Jessica Tuttmann, AHS junior, in a letter, page 34

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# Selectmen nix forming a growth task force

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a computer data base that planners hope to use for analyses and projections.

But Dr. Larsen said this issue is a political one, and that he fears one or more of the three articles on the April Town Meeting warrant that address growth could be approved before selectmen or planners get around to addressing the issue.

"This is an emotional issue," Dr. Larsen said.

Article 50 on the Town Meeting warrant proposes to charge developers an impact fee and to use the money to purchase open space. Article 51 proposes limiting the number of building permits issued each year, and Article 52 proposes putting a six-month moratorium on residential construction.

Selectmen have voted to recommend voters deny all three petitions.

Dr. Larsen also said he thinks some people may

be suspect of the findings of a planners-only study. And, Dr. Larsen said, he wanted to be able to go into Town Meeting and be able to tell people that selectmen are working on addressing the issue.

Selectman Bill Downs said any study regarding growth should be under the jurisdiction of the Office of Community Development and Planning, and that members of that department should make monthly reports to selectmen regarding their progress.

Mr. Barenboim said he doesn't see the point of naming any type of committee to look at the growth issue, and that if Selectman Finegold wants to be the liaison to the Planning Board on this issue, that is fine.

Mr. Finegold said he doesn't think leaving

## Public invited to a forum Saturday to discuss growth

Despite the Board of Selectmen's repeated moves to put off dealing with the growth issue until after April Town Meeting, Selectman Barry Finegold will on his own host a discussion about growth in Andover this Saturday, March 30.

Mr. Finegold has reserved Memorial Hall, the third floor conference room at Memorial Hall Library, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, and is inviting

anyone interested in the effect of growth in Andover to attend.

"It's basically just to get the ball rolling," Mr. Finegold said.

He said the discussion will give people the opportunity to voice their ideas and concerns on the subject, and it will give him and other officials more input on the issues involved.

"I just really hope people will attend," Mr. Finegold said this week.

the issue solely to the Planning Board is the way to go. "I think this task force is a step in the right direction," Mr. Finegold said.

He again pushed for the board to set time aside before Town Meeting to discuss the issue, because he too doesn't want to go into Town Meeting without having residents' input.

Selectman Gerald Silverman

agreed with Mr. Downs and Mr. Barenboim, saying selectmen would be "usurping" the Planning Board's authority in taking charge of the issue.

Mr. Silverman said he would like Ms. DeGroot to give selectmen a report on the growth issue for their review before Town Meeting. He would then hope to leave the discussion for the floor

of Town Meeting. After Town Meeting, selectmen might want to consider hosting a series of open forums to get information on the issue out to the public, Mr. Silverman said.

"I think we're not acting at all, which

***'I think we're not acting at all, which sends a very clear message.'***

**Larry Larsen**

sends a very clear message," Dr. Larsen said.

Mr. Silverman said selectmen acted by taking a position on the three articles.

"Which means squat," Dr. Larsen said.

Mike Miller, Planning Board chairman, told selectmen the Planning Board has scheduled extra sessions to investigate the growth issue.

"I can at least comment that we will continue to do so," Mr. Miller said.



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# Police Patrolman Robert Cronin honored

Andover Police Patrolman Robert Cronin was named earlier this month as police officer of the year by the Exchange Club of Lawrence, one of four to be honored.

Officer Cronin is a 1973 Andover High School graduate and a 15-year veteran of the department. He was out injured all last year following a motorcycle accident in December of 1994.

Officer Cronin is currently the depart-

ment's safety officer responsible for traffic and highway-safety issues. He also works with the schools on safety, drug and alcohol issues.

In presenting the award, the Exchange Club and Andover Police Chief James

Johnson recognized Officer Cronin for his career service. Officer Cronin has been awarded the

Medal of Honor from both the police and fire departments and two life-saving medals for his

involvement in three separate water and ice rescues. He also previously served as a detective, which

included a stint with the Essex County Drug Task Force. Officer Cronin, 40, lives in Newbury-

port with his wife, Susan. Both he and his wife are registered runners in this

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# Ceremony honors the late Rear Admiral James Prout

By Naomi Voorhees

A dedication was held for one of Andover's finest on Friday, March 15, at the Naval Station, San Diego, Calif. A fieldhouse was named after the late Rear Admiral James G. Prout III, formerly of Andover.

The fieldhouse is the headquarters for the morale, welfare, and recreation athletics and sports program, the fitness and wellness program and a host of other activities at the naval station.

Doug Howe of Andover was one of Admiral Prout's closest friends. As children they played together in Shawshen, attended Phillips Exeter Academy together, and Mr. Howe served as best man at Admiral Prout's wedding.

"It's a very big deal to name a building after someone; it's a big honor. He was a loss to the Navy, a rising star of surface warfare," said Mr. Howe, who attended the ceremonies in San Diego.

At the dedication ceremony, Admiral Prout was described by Vice Admiral David B. Robinson as a man who "was proud to serve his Navy, and a Navy proud of the life he led. We gratefully acknowledge the lasting contributions of Rear Admiral Prout, who was a

man of courage, compassion and loyalty."

His friend, Rear Admiral Thomas Marfiak, said, "It was as commanding officer of this naval station that Jay Prout and his young family profoundly changed the lives of our sailors, the real fleet, with whom he spent

his life and for whom he had always the deepest feeling."

This is not the first time Rear Admiral Marfiak had spoken about Admiral Prout. He spoke fondly of him last Memorial Day in Andover. Admiral Prout had died just a week before in a

plane crash. He had been scheduled to deliver a speech in Andover for the World War II veterans of Andover on their 50th anniversary. Admiral Marfiak delivered the speech in his place. In the opening statement he called Admiral Prout his "closest

friend."

"We had discussed his trip, his real and genuine excitement at coming home again (he had such an infectious grin)... When you hear his words, think about the continuity and sacrifices they represent," Admiral Marfiak

said here.

Admiral Prout had written in his speech, "Each of Andover's 60 killed in action, each of our severely wounded, everyone of our Andover veterans and comrades who have suffered a similar fate earned their right to a personal-

ized memorial I can only symbolize today."

Admiral Prout was a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, N.H., the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., Uruguayan Naval War College in

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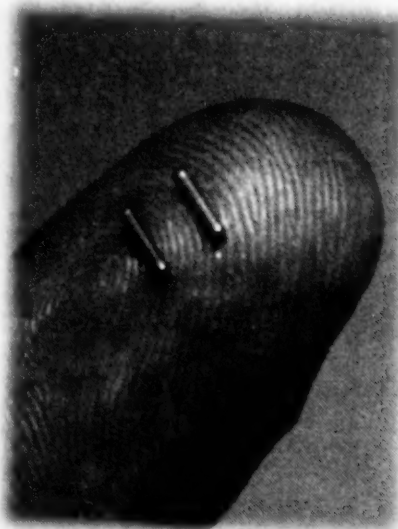
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## Admiral Prout

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Montevideo, Uruguay. He earned a master's degree in international secu-

rity affairs-strategic planning from Harvard University.

He was commissioned in 1966 and served at sea. A few of his duties include first lieutenant and main propulsion assistant, commanding officer of *USS Fearless*, executive officer of

*USS Olendorf*, commanding officer of *USS O'Brien* and commander of Destroyer Squadron Seven.

On the shore his responsibilities included, among others, three tours of duty in the office of the Chief of Naval

Operations in Washington D.C., a plans and policy officer for Latin America in the Politico-Military Policy Division, member of the Strategic Concepts Group, Strategy, Plans and Policy Division, and commanding officer of the Naval Station, San Diego.

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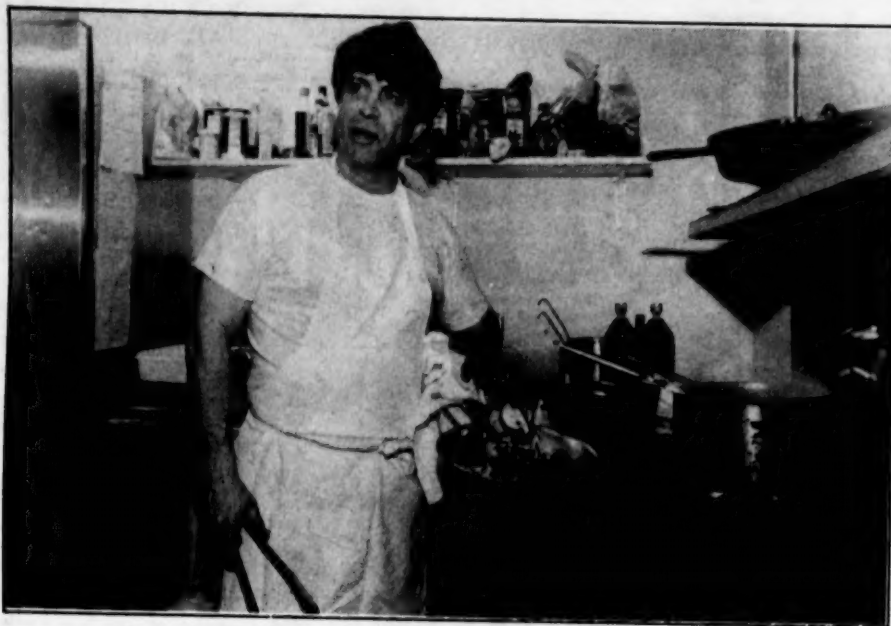


Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Chef Tony Ortu prepares a dish in Andover's newest restaurant, Cafe La Fortuna, located on Post Office Avenue.

### New Italian restaurant isn't just spaghetti and meatballs

By Carly Nelson

Cafe La Fortuna recently opened at 16 Post Office Ave. The restaurant's menu is seasonal Northern Italian cuisine.

"There are so many misconceptions about Italian cuisine," said Tony Ortu, Fortuna's chef. "People seem to think it's only about spaghetti and meatballs."

According to Mr. Ortu, fresh ingredients and fast cooking are the key to his cooking. Some of his specialties include veal, lamb and pasta primavera. He also said that his restaurant's

flavor and ambiance reflect a Florentine quality.

Mr. Ortu decided to open a restaurant in Andover due to his popularity with many residents here.

Frank Cieri, of 58 Old Village Lane, said he enjoyed Mr. Ortu's Amesbury restaurant, Stuzzi, so much that every time he went in, he would suggest opening one in Andover.

"It's not your average plate of pasta. Tony really has a flair," said Mr. Cieri.

Mr. Ortu learned to cook from his sister while growing up in Italy. Dur-

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### Peter Wellikoff

Peter Wellikoff has been named president and chief operating officer of The Equity Group. Equity is the North American distribution arm of B&W Loudspeakers, Rock Solid Sound Loudspeakers, Rotel Electronics and CWD A/V Furniture.

Mr. Wellikoff assumed responsibilities Feb. 1 for the day-to-day operations and financial performance of Equity's businesses in North Reading.

Mr. Wellikoff was previously senior vice president of KH America.

He lives in Andover with his wife, Maureen, and son, Michael, a senior at Andover High School.



Peter Wellikoff

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### Gene Robinson

Gene Robinson, a high-tech industry veteran with more than 30 years management, sales and marketing experience, has been named president and CEO of i-Logix Inc., 3 Riverside Drive. He will oversee all the company's day-to-day and strategic operations. He was previously senior vice president of sales and marketing at Viewlogic Systems Inc., a provider of electronic design automation software tools for UNIX and Windows. He was responsible for sales, product marketing, corporate communications and consulting services and played a key role in preparing and implementing Viewlogic's IPO.

Mr. Robinson was also president/chief operating officer at CLSI Inc., and at Racal Redac Inc. Earlier he was VP/sales and marketing at Telesis Systems Corporation.

He also held senior sales and management positions at Vydec Inc. and Xerox Corporation.

### Julie R. Franklin

Julie R. Franklin, MD, has joined Andover Obstetrics and Gynecology, P.C., an affiliate of Lawrence General Health System. Dr. Franklin is accepting new patients at the 140 Haverhill St. and Salem, N.H., offices.

### Elke Kappeler

Elke Kappeler, broker associate at Re/Max Preferred in North Andover, received the Platinum Club Award for excellence in sales at the recent "Dare to Dream 1996" Re/Max of New England awards banquet held in Boston. Ms. Kappeler has been a top real estate producer serving the Andovers since 1973.

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## Ellen Caille Souza and Bethany H. Gilboard

Lowell General Hospital announces the hiring of Ellen Caille Souza of North Andover as vice president of administrative services, and Bethany H. Gilboard of Andover as executive director of physician/hospital organization (PHO).

Ms. Souza will provide management leadership to all department managers and physicians. She has 14 years of operations and fiscal management experience. She was administrative director of medical services at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Prior to that, she was assistant vice president for clinical services at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Ms. Gilboard will be responsible for planning, developing, directing and evaluating the business of Lowell General. She was previously director of managed care programs with the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in Boston and oversaw the facility's PHO. She was also assistant director of corporate planning at North Shore Medical Center in Salem, Mass.



Ellen Caille Souza



Bethany H. Gilboard

## Jeff Ferrante

Jeff Ferrante of Merrill Lynch Pierce F&S in Andover has been appointed to the Eaton Vance Leaders Club for exemplary sales of Eaton Vance mutual funds and service to clients during 1995.

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Mr. Ferrante qualified for Premier Level, the highest level one can attain that is reserved for the top 2 percent of all Eaton Vance producing representatives.

## More than ordinary meatballs

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ing the past 20 years, he has opened several successful restaurants on the North Shore.

Mr. Ortu also hosts a cooking show called *Cooking Conversation* on Channel 12 in South Hampton.

Cafe La Fortuna is open daily for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dinner is served from 5:30 to 10 p.m.

The restaurant has an extensive beer and wine list. Reservations are suggested. The price range for lunch is \$7-\$10. Dinner is \$14-\$25.

## Bob Cronin is honored

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year's Boston Marathon. Officer Cronin is running as a representative of the Andover Police Department to raise money for a regional cancer management center at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen. Donations can be sent to the hospital or c/o Officer Cronin at the police station.



## Orange bands on Chestnut Street trees marks path of possible sidewalk

By Naomi Voorhees

Residents on the upper end of Chestnut Street between Sherry Drive and Highland Road may have noticed that some of the trees there are marked with orange bands. The bands indicate the ones that probably would have to be cut down if the sidewalk is funded by Town Meeting next month.

The town placed the bands around

the trees in response to a private article submitted by Emilie Gilbert requesting \$100,000 for the completion of a sidewalk on Chestnut Street. According to Ms. Gilbert, the sidewalk stops midway up the street and this causes a safety hazard for pedestrians. She said she is mainly concerned about students who walk to Doherty Middle School.

Brian Moore, town engineer, said,

"The way it looks now they will have to be removed, but it would depend on the final location of the sidewalk."

He also said that if the article passes at Town Meeting, the town would meet with the residents of Chestnut Street to try to accommodate them.

Town Meeting is April 8, 9 and 10.

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# Supporters of both sides discuss Scout's ban

By Neil Fater

She may work in the St. Robert Belarmine Church rectory for the Rev. Arthur Driscoll, but Amy Cronin, Andover High School junior, said she is against the Boy Scouts policy her pastor supports. Rev. Driscoll, who has signed a letter to the *Townsmen* supporting the policy that bans homosexuals from becoming Boy Scout members or leaders, seemed to accept this.

Ms. Cronin and Rev. Driscoll were two of the approximately 35 residents who attended a notably civil forum to discuss their opinions regarding the Boy Scouts of America's policy regarding gay persons, Thursday, March 21.

One woman, who was in favor of the policy when the meeting started, said her position changed during the evening.

"Homosexuals want more understanding," she said. "I just wouldn't want it taught to my son that it is right."

*'Homosexuals want more understanding,' one woman said. 'I just wouldn't want it taught to my son that it is right.'*

Paul Sapienza, a North Andover resident in support of the policy, suggested that people who don't like the organization's position can form their own group.

David Cardinal, of Shawsheen Road, said he doesn't want to drive the Boy Scouts out of town by demanding the organization change its policy.

He also indicated he's sure God loves homosexuals because He loves everyone, including murderers and rapists.

"We all have desires and wants and other things but we have to give it up. We can't do it. Either that or we'd have a lot more murders in this country and rapists," said Mr. Cardinal.

He said a family member had once been attacked by a homosexual. "It can happen and if there's any doubt why should we take a chance?"

Karen Lang, a psychotherapist who attended the meeting, said studies show homosexuals are actually less likely than heterosexuals to commit

pedophilia.

"In the professional literature there is nothing to (suggest) that a homosexual presents a greater risk of sexual abuse, she said. "Out of the hundreds of cases that I have worked with I would say that less than 2 percent of the perpetrators were homosexuals."

Some policy opponents said they were offended people would compare homosexuals to murders and rapists. Opponents of the policy also said they believe it is against state law.

Allowing gays to be Scout leaders "has nothing to do with sexuality, it has to do with civil rights," said Donald Miller, who quit the Scouts with his son after learning about the policy.

Pam Brown, a Phillips Academy teacher, said she can't support the policy "because what they have put in print is an equation (saying) 'If you are gay, you are not a decent human being.'"

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### Easter crafts at the Senior Center

The Senior Center St. Patrick's Day party was enjoyable.

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A group of seniors are interested in forming an investment club. They meet on Thursday afternoons and are looking for additional members. Call Charlotte Murphy at 475-3732 for more information.

The Senior Center will sponsor an Easter egg hunt and buffet breakfast Friday, April 5, from 9 to 11 a.m. Tickets are \$2 and are on sale at the center.

Ann Long, RN, is providing massage therapy at the Senior Center on Monday mornings. Call 623-8321 for an appointment. The community is welcome.

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### Questions about cost, interactions of medicine

By Carly Nelson

Senior citizens had an opportunity to ask questions recently regarding the medications they're taking, during a "Brown Bag Medicine Review Program" conducted by Health Director Everett Penney at the Senior Center.

"We call it 'Brown Bag' because we ask senior citizens to put their medications in a brown bag and bring them in to be examined," said Mr. Penney, a registered pharmacist.

"There's some inappropriate use of medications," said Mr. Penney. "Sometimes they use more than what's necessary, or the drugs are outdated and expired."

Dorothy Sharry, an Andover resident who with her husband, James, brought in her medication, said, "A lot of people have a tendency to not be as alert" (about medications).

According to Mr. Penney, drug interaction was the biggest concern of senior citizens at the forum. He also said that people have to be aware that

dangerous interactions don't just occur between two medications. Mixing medications with certain foods and beverages can be dangerous also.

Cost was another question frequently raised. Mr. Penney suggested that since senior citizens may often be on tighter budgets, opting for the generic version of a medication is a good idea.

A drug counseling act, according to Mr. Penney, was passed in January. It requires mandatory counseling from pharmacists whenever drugs are dispensed. Mr. Penney believes that the new law will help to increase awareness about medication use.

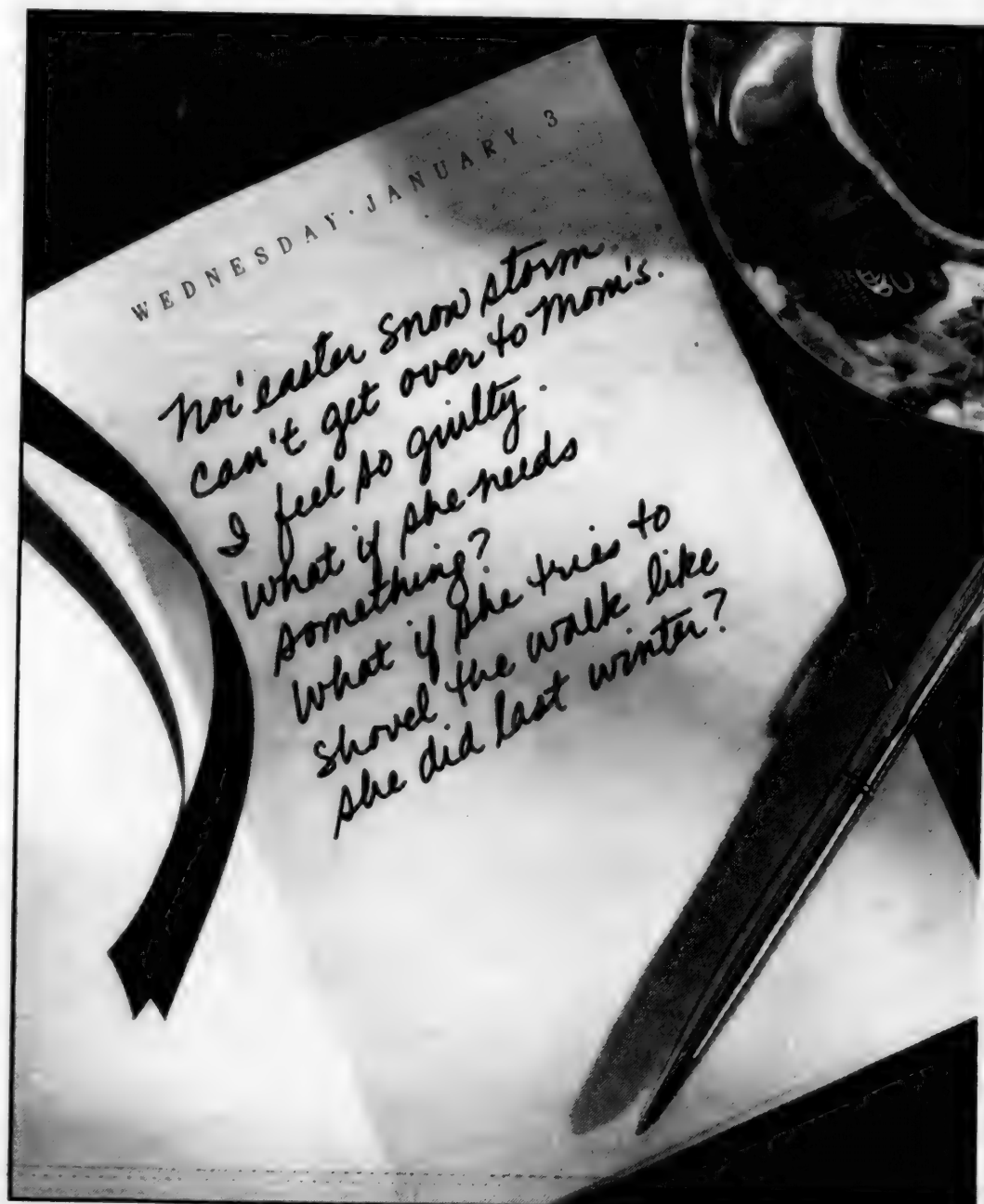
Mr. Penney also said that drug misuse is not just isolated to senior citizens and that a "Brown Bag Medicine Review" should be conducted for the general public.

Anyone with questions about his or her medications can contact Health Director Penney at 623-8295.



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Everett Penney talks with Andover residents Dorothy and James Sharry about medications. A registered pharmacist, Mr. Penney answered questions about medications.



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# Assisted living proposal withdrawn from warrant

By Don Staruk

A proposed change to the zoning bylaw that would allow assisted living facilities for the elderly to be built in all residential areas in town will be withdrawn by its proponents on the floor of Town Meeting.

Recognizing it lacked the support of planners, which it likely needed to pass, attorney Richard Asoian withdraw the article from consideration by the Planning Board Tuesday night, March 26. He assured planners that he would, on behalf of Marriott, the proponent of the article, also withdraw it from the warrant at Town Meeting. In light of his intentions, planners opted not to take a formal position on the proposal.

The proposal was to amend the zoning bylaw to allow assisted living facilities in all

residentially zoned areas of town. Marriott is proposing to build one such facility at the northeast corner of High and Haverhill streets near the North Andover line, on land owned by the Lawrence Eagle Tribune Realty Trust.

Currently, the facilities are only allowed in the one Mixed Use district along the Shaw-sheen River, where one, Marland Place, is now being built.

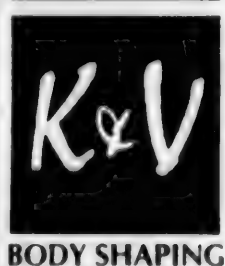
Michael Miller, Planning Board chairman, said planners were "torn" between their desire for these type of services to be provided and their responsibility to make sure they were being responsible in changing the bylaw.

During the course of the public hearing on the proposal and their subsequent delibera-

tions, planners voiced support for the idea of making it easier to build these facilities here, but they also expressed concern that they were being rushed into something. They wanted more time to consider to potential impact of the proposed changes on various neighborhoods and town services, and to create appropriate wording to address those issues.

By the time the proponents moved to withdraw the article, they had already offered to make at least seven different amendments to the proposal in response to planners concerns. Some of those concerns were in regard to density, minimum lot size, setbacks, parking and affordability. Mr. Miller said his biggest concern was whether

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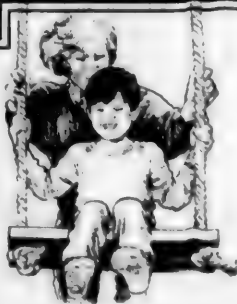
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# Assisted living proposal will be back in the fall

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they belong in a residential area.

Mr. Miller kept reminding the proponents that it wasn't just their proposal that was being considered, because a change to the zoning bylaw would open up several areas of town to any number of such proposals.

One of his questions to Marriott officials was whether they'd studied how many sites in town would be open to handle this type of facility if the bylaw was changed. The officials did not have an answer, but Mr. Asoian said it would be roughly the same number of places where nursing homes can be located now under the current bylaw.

"If we're looking at 4-acre sites, there are a number out there," said Laura DeGroot, senior town planner.

Four acres is roughly the minimum size that would be considered, according to the proponents.

The Planning Board has wanted to address the issue of assisted living facilities in the bylaw, but hasn't gotten around to it,

**Michael Miller, Planning Board chairman, said planners were "torn" between their desire for these type of services to be provided and their responsibility to make sure they were being responsible in changing the bylaw.**

according to Steve Colyer, planning director. When they do bring such an amendment proposal to town meeting, they want it to be town generat-

ed, Mr. Colyer said. And planners made a commitment to Mr. Asoian Tuesday night that they would have such a proposal ready for a special town meeting this fall.

"Now we'll have the time to sit down and look at this and really study it" and see how other communities are dealing with it, Mr. Colyer said.



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**Emily Jean  
Bicknell**

Emily Jean Bicknell turned 1 year old March 22. Her parents are Robert and Wendy Bicknell of Andover. Her grandparents are Charles and Betsey LaPlante of Berkley and Robert and Gayle Bicknell of Lynnfield. Emily likes playing with her cats and having books read to her.



**Paul Joseph  
Turiano**

Paul Joseph Turiano celebrated his first birthday March 13. He is the son of Anthony and Deborah Turiano of Andover. Partygoers included his brothers, Marc, 9, Matthew, 5, and John, 4, plus grandparents Bruno and Rita Turiano of Rye, N.Y.



**Andrew Huyler  
Ramsey**

Andrew Huyler Ramsey was 1 year old March 12. He lives on the campus of Phillips Academy with his parents, Peter Ramsey and Isabel Phillips. Andrew has grandparents in Marblehead, Albany, N.Y., and Columbia, S.C.



**Christopher J.  
Schwarz**

Christopher J. Schwarz was born March 19, 1995. Parents are Joseph and Karen (Sofia) Schwarz of Stevens St. Grandparents are Anthony and Arlene Sofia of Andover and Josef Schwarz of Melrose. Chris has a sister, Heather, 2½.



**Hayley  
Ahouse**

Hayley Ahouse was born March 18, 1995. Parents are David and Bobbie Ahouse of Beacon Street. Grandparents are Ann Rhone of Andover and Morgan Ahouse of New Jersey. Hayley has a brother, Cameron, 7.



**Brynn Woods  
Stevens**

Brynn Woods Stevens celebrated her first birthday March 22. Her parents are Peter and Deborah Stevens of Andover. Grandparents are Leonard and Carole Hill of Andover and Bebe W. Stevens of St. Louis, Mo. Her great-grandmother is Vera Hill of Holden. Brynn has a sister, Danielle, 2.



**Erich  
Rothmann**

Erich Rothmann was born March 5, 1995. His parents are Margaret and Steven Rothmann of Kirkland Drive. Grandparents are Joseph and Susan Carroll of West Yarmouth and Harry and Marlene Rothmann of Winchester. Great-grandparents are Mary Hunt and Gerard and Dorothy Carroll, all of Malden.



**Meagan Jane  
Keefe**

Meagan Jane Keefe was born March 3, 1995. Her parents are (Captain) Patrick and Leigh Keefe. Grandparents are Vincent and Jane LeGendre of Andover and Col. George and Kathleen Keefe of Northampton. Meagan and her mom, visiting family here, live in Germany while her father is on active duty in Bosnia.



**Moira Jane  
Doyle**

Moira Jane Doyle turned 1 year old March 14. Her parents, Sara and Kevin Doyle of 4 Ivy Lane, are very proud. She's kept busy watching her brother, Kevin, 5½, and sister, Kelsey, 3½. Grandparents Jim and Jane Doyle of Salem, Mass., and Rich and Corinne Cirone of San Jose, Calif., are enjoying watching her grow up.



**Brigid Rose  
Donovan**

Brigid Rose Donovan was born March 14, 1995. Her parents are Erin and Daniel Donovan of Stratford Road. Grandparents are Donald and Francene Donahue of Andover and George and Marie Donovan of Rye, N.H. Victorine Donahue of Kingston, N.H., is her great-grandmother.



**Leah Rose  
Giacchetto**

Leah Rose Giacchetto will be 1 year old March 31. Her parents are Joanne and Tom Giacchetto of Patricia Circle. Grandparents are Jean and Jerry Langone and Rosalie and Tom Giacchetto, all of Woburn. Great-grandparents are Ignazio and Thomasina Giacchetto of East Boston.

## Happy 1st Birthday policy

► Babies celebrating their first birthdays, affiliated with Andover, may have their pictures in the *Townsmen* free. They will normally appear in the issue dated the last Thursday of the month, in the month of baby's first birthday. All babies having an April '96 first birthday will be published in the April 25 issue. All photos must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, April 19 (see box at right). The *Townsmen* publishes Births on the first Thursday of the month.

### HAPPY 1st BIRTHDAY - 1996 key dates -

ISSUE DATE	PHOTO DEADLINE
Apr. 25	Apr. 19
May 30	May 24
June 27	June 21
July 25	July 19
Aug. 29	Aug. 23
Sept. 26	Sept. 20
Oct. 31	Oct. 25
Nov. 28	Nov. 22
Dec. 26	Dec. 20



# SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, April 1-5.

## Elementary schools

**Monday:** Beef and bacon burger on roll, mayonnaise, lettuce and tomato salad, potato puffs, ketchup, chilled pineapple, milk or juice.

**Tuesday:** French toast with hot maple syrup, sausage patty,

applesauce, peach crisp with crumb topping, milk or juice.

**Wednesday:** Cold cut sub with bologna, ham, cheese, tomato, lettuce and pickles, potato chips, fruited jello with topping, milk or juice.

**Thursday:** Roast turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, sliced carrots, homemade cornbread, trail mix, milk or juice.

**Friday:** Holiday. No lunch.

A pizza or peanut butter and jelly lunch is available daily.

## Middle schools

**Monday:** Hot dog on roll, mustard, relish, ketchup, wax beans, fruit cup, milk, or baked beef ravioli with tomato sauce, wax beans, bread and butter, fruit cup, milk.

**Tuesday:** Chicken cutlet on roll, potato puffs, ketchup, green

beans, cookie, milk, or roast pork dippers with barbecue sauce, potato puffs, ketchup, green beans, cookie, milk.

**Wednesday:** Meatball sub with tomato sauce, corn, potato sticks, fruited jello with whipped topping, milk, or bacon, lettuce and tomato sub, mayonnaise, corn, potato sticks, fruited jello with whipped topping, milk.

**Thursday:** Nachos with cheese sauce, baked beans, sliced carrots, cake with frosting, milk, or fried chicken, french fries, ketchup, sliced carrots, bread and butter, cake with frosting, milk.

**Friday:** Holiday. No lunch.

A pizza or sub lunch is available daily.

All menus are subject to change.

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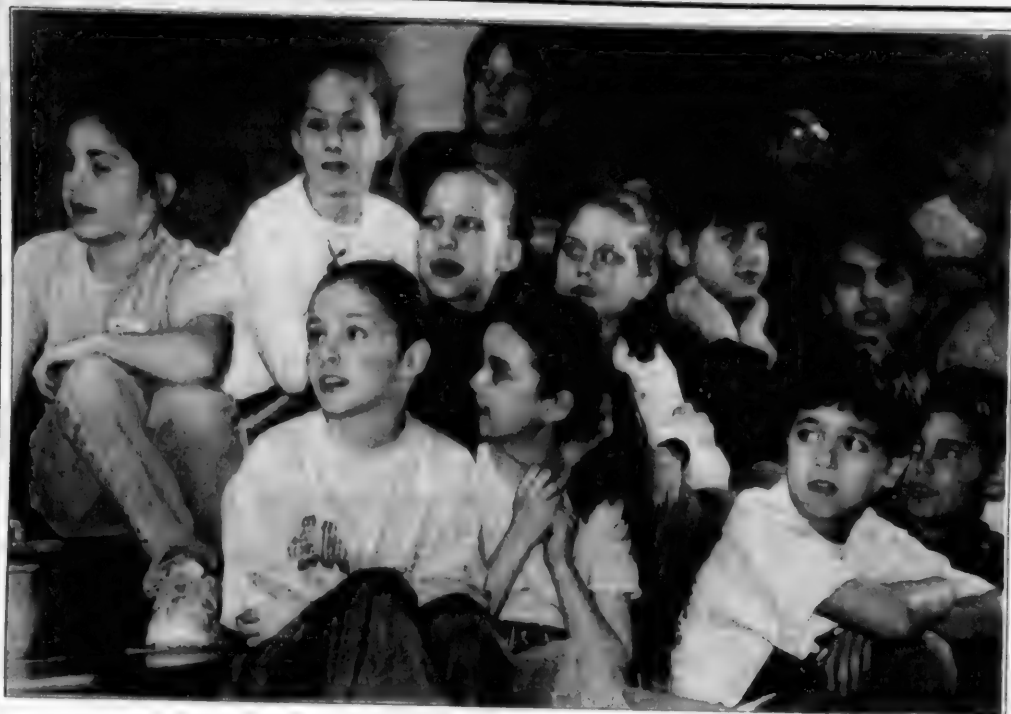
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The "first annual" West Elementary Readers and Writers Conference (WERAWC, pronounced *We Rock*) took place the week of March 11, hosting six authors and storytellers: Tony Toledo, Michael Glaser, Maureen Wittbold, Greg Maguire, Alexander Wright and Nora Dooley. Above, the We Rock dancers take a break.



...But the most important authors who presented during the week, according to Liz Roos, assistant principal, were the children at West. All 867 students have now published at least one book. All of their parents were invited to West to hear these 867 distinguished authors read their stories. From left are Daniel Schmidt, Elizabeth McPartland, Marie Provencher and Chris Gibson.



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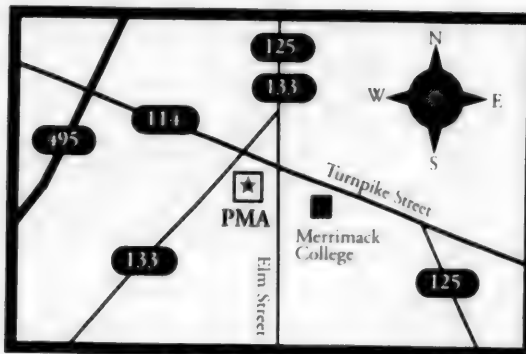
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# SCHOOLTALK

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The drawing will take place April 29, with the winner receiving a bicycle.

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There will be no meeting of the **Andover High School Parent Advisory Council** Monday, April 1. Instead, the PAC board encourages all AHS parents to attend Town Meeting the following Monday, April 8, in the Collins Center.

The next monthly meeting will be held Monday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the library annex. AHS teacher **Katherine Horne** will present a slide presentation.

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The **Andona Society** will award three \$1,500 scholarships to graduating seniors whose official residence is Andover. A **Greater Lawrence Technical School** scholarship and a **766 PAC** scholarship will also be awarded.

Applications are available at the **Andover High School**

guidance office. They are available at the **Memorial Hall Library** reference desk for private school seniors. Applications can be mailed if a request is sent to: The Andona Society, P.O. Box 256, Andover, 01810, Attention: Sarita Broccoli. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope, organizers ask.

AHS senior's applications must be received in the guidance office by Friday, April 26. Private school and other postal applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, April 26.

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Kindergarten registration dates for the Andover public

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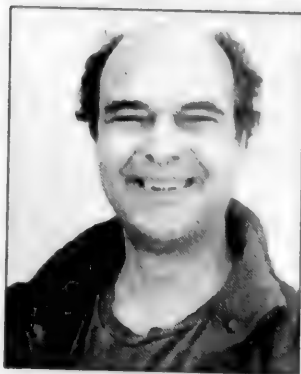
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# SCHOOLTALK

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schools are as follows:

Shawsheen, Monday, April 22

South, Tuesday, April 23

Bancroft, Wed., April 24

Sanborn, Thursday, April 25

West Elem., Monday, April 29.

Registration will be held from 7-8 p.m. on all the above dates.

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Shawsheen School will host a Learn About Shawsheen open house Monday, April 1, from 7-8 p.m. for parents of prospective students.

Parents can visit the classroom between 7 and 8 p.m. and meet the staff. A meeting in

the gymnasium at 8 p.m. will give an overview of the integrated primary, with the opportunity to ask questions.

The Shawsheen Integrated Primary Magnet School Program for kindergarten through second grades is an option available to all Andover students. Parents may register their children at their neighborhood school or at Shawsheen.

Bus transportation to and from Shawsheen is available at no charge. Noontime busing is not available for kindergartners; parents are responsible for picking up children after

the morning session or transporting them to the afternoon session.

Registration for Shawsheen School will be held Monday, April 22, from 7-8 p.m. For information, call 623-8850.

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The Doherty School Council will meet Monday, April 22, in the McGrail Media Center at 7 p.m. The public is invited.

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Meteorologist David Brown, who does the early morning and noontime weather reports on WCVB-TV Channel 5, visited the first-graders of Shawsheen School last month.

Teachers Kathy Thornton, Sheila Dzielman, Jennifer

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West Elementary first grade Brownie Troop 384 got all "dolled up" for a mother-daughter tea Sunday, March 10. The tea was sponsored by the Shawsheen Neighborhood Girl Scout Council. Pictured from left are Kayla Fosse, Denise Corrigan, Kaleigh Biles, Chloe Sempere, Colleen Heath, Emily Evans, Sarah Hempstead, Erin Biles, Katie Anderson, Christina Conley and Becky Cairns.



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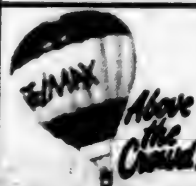
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▲ Mr. AHS performers and their sponsors included (above) Anna Stowe, Zachary Howard; Elizabeth Roy and Justin McLean; (below) Brian Jordan, Sarah Kramer, Jamie Scaia, Hilary Winters, Tom Hartwell and Matt Stitham. ▼



Eventually the judges narrowed the Mr. AHS competition down to five finalists: Randy Romano, Brian Tisbert, Brian Jordan, Tom Hartwell (ultimately the winner) and Matt Redmond. [See story on opposite page.]

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## Tom Hartwell becomes 'Mr. Andover High 1996'

By Carly Nelson

With spoons, mouth harp, and kazoo in hand, Tom Hartwell, an AHS junior, managed to edge out the competition Friday, March 15, to become Mr. Andover High 1996.

Seventeen juniors competed for the

title in the fifth annual pageant at the Collins Center, which included a talent show, fashion show, and a final interview.

After watching the talent and fashion shows, the five judges - Norma Gammon, Enzo Fossella, Paul Salafia,

Lori Becker Lewandowski and *Townsmen* photographer Lisa Adelsberger - narrowed the competition down to five finalists: Randy Romano, Brian Tisbert, Brian Jordan, Matt Redmond and Tom Hartwell.

Mr. Hartwell clinched the title with

his cowboy/clown medley and a witty interview.

Other highlights included Kevin Chenery's touchtone telephone chorus, a Shirley Temple revue by Brian Tisbert, and Brian Jordan's rendition of Kermit the Frog's *The Rainbow Connection*.

Mr. AHS was hosted by juniors Sarah Plamondon and Ross Fenton.

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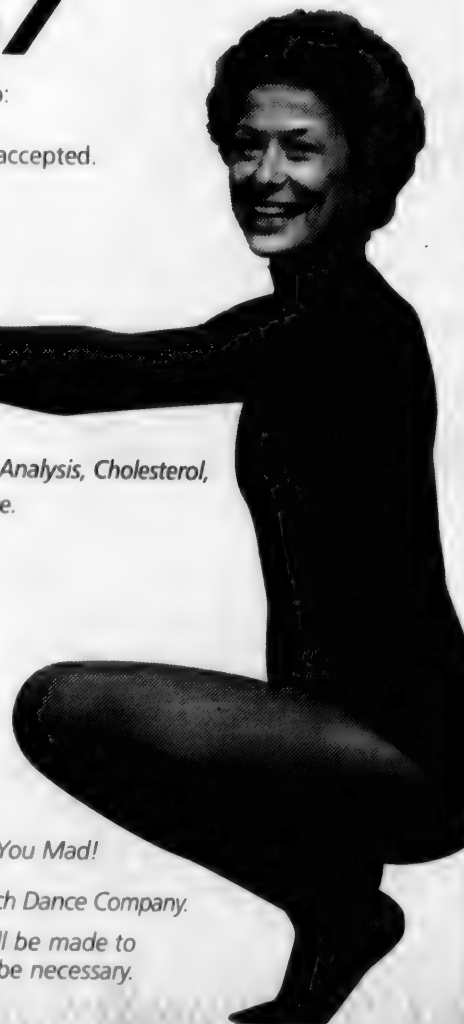
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# SCHOOL TALK

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Johnson and Laura Tenero had the children work on a new science unit about weather. Students made daily observations of cloud cover, wind speed, temperature and precipitation and studied air masses and storms.

At the end of the Mr. Brown's hour-long presentation, the children gave him an illustrated weather booklet they

had made for him and a Shawsheen School sweatshirt.

He displayed both items to his TV audience the next morning while sending a special "hello" to Andover.

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grade at West Elementary School.

In celebration of Andover's 350th anniversary, students and teachers have been writing and rehearsing skits and songs covering our country's and Andover's history. Performances will be held today, Thursday, March 28, in the West Elementary auditorium. The title

of this production, *West Elementary Telling Time*, was created by Mitchi Rivera, a fifth-grade student.

Beginning this journey through time, Charlotte Lynch's class will arrive on the *Mayflower* and introduce an Andover woman accused of witchcraft.

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◀ First-graders from Shawshen School crowd around TV meteorologist David Brown.

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# SCHOOLTALK

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**Holly Plamondon's** class will dramatize the "Building of a Nation" and end with a modern rendition of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's famous poem, *Paul Revere's Ride*.

**Kathy Iworsley's** class skits encompass the years from 1790-1820. They depict slaves escaping to freedom, the War of 1812, and a typical day in Andover life in 1820.

Moving westward begins with **Joyce Rawlinson's** class. A brave group will set out from the Blanchard House in Andover, seeking land and prosperity out West.

**Evelyn Wrobel's** class will traverse the time period from 1850 to 1900. Students recreate the days of the Pony Express, Transcontinental Railroad, Civil War, early years of immigration, and those amazing years of important inventions in communication.

**Beth Flaherty's** class will return to the early 1900s and the days of the stock market crash, Babe Ruth, and World War I and II.

The music of 1950-1990 will carry **Nicole Olivero's** class through the Kennedy years, NASA's moon landing, and the Vietnam War.

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The Merrimack Valley Music Teachers Association will sponsor a music festival Sunday, March 31, at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. One hundred and thirty piano students will play and be evaluated by prominent pianists including **George Loring, Jeannette Lambert** and **Iris Graffman**. The students will also have an opportunity to attend a music fair and play music trivia, Musical Go Fish, and

one. **Felicia Kuo** will demonstrate and play some Chinese instruments. The students will also participate in either a workshop on Baroque dance, led by **Jane Hershey** from the Longy

School of Music, or a workshop on art and music, led by **Ann Bader**.

Students from Andover who will participate include **Kallin Affleck, Kathleen Bader, Tehmina Beg, Jes-**

**sica Bindman, Anne Blackwell, Carrie Brintz, Priscilla Chan, Ashwin Deshpande, Amiee Dollard, Katie Dugan, Biana Fay, Andrea Gerard, Meng Guo, Laura Hoffman,**

**Emily Huston, Hemant Joshi, Rohan Joshi, Jia Jung, Ji Eun Jung, Lauren Keene, Josh Kim, Katherine Mason, Katharine McGrath, Matthew McGrath, Jessica Milley, Pamela Ris-**

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Their teachers are **Ann Bader, Jody Brickman, June**

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## WEDDINGS

### Norris-Fluet

Michele Patricia Fluet and Brian Willem David Norris were married at St. Joseph's Church. The nuptial Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Arthur Johnson.

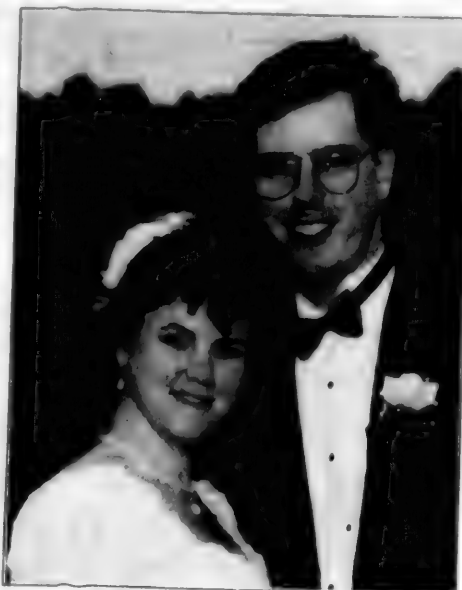
Music was performed by the St. Augustine Church choir.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Janet Fluet was her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Sharon Fluet, Diane Fluet, Paula Frenette and Rachel Fluet, all sisters of the bride. Nicole Fluet, the bride's niece, was flower girl.

Raymond Norris and Daniel Norris were their brother's best men. Ushers were David Fluet, brother of the bride, Michael Frenette, the bride's brother-in-law, and Kenneth Gould Jr.

Following a reception in the Trumpeters Room at the Andover Country Club, the couple left for St. Maarten.

The bride is the daughter of Ernest and Rita Fluet of Andover. She is a graduate of Andover High School and received a bachelor's degree in human resource management from the University of Lowell. She is the benefits specialist for Private Healthcare Systems in Waltham.



Michele and Brian Norris

Her husband is the son of David and Cornelia Norris of Andover. He is also a graduate of Andover High School. He received a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Lowell and master's degree in business administration from Bentley College.

He is treasury analyst at Colonial Gas Co. in Lowell.

The couple live in North Andover.

### Gallant-Zahornasky

Rebecca Zahornasky and William J. Gallant II were married at St. Joseph's Church.

Following a reception at Glen Magna Farm in Danvers, the couple left for the Canadian Rockies.

The bride is the daughter of Carole A. Evans of Andover and Vincent T. Zahornasky of Manchester, N.H. She graduated from the University of New Hampshire in May with a bachelor of science degree in animal science. She is employed by Hilltop Farm Inc. in Colara, Md.

Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Gallant of Andover. He received a bachelor of science degree in political science in 1991 from Merrimack College. He is assistant manager, NTW, Towson, Md.



Rebecca and William J. Gallant II

### King-Symchych

Elizabeth M. Symchych and Andrew M. King were married at the Boston Harbor Hotel. The double-ring ceremony was performed by the Honorable Ilana Rovner.

Starr Johnson of Boise, Idaho, was maid of honor. Catherine Symchych of Laramie, Wyo., and Christine Symchych of Milwaukee, Wisc., sisters of the bride, Julie King of Highland Park, Ill., the groom's sister, Jennifer Toure of Houston, Texas, and Julia Daly of Wellesley were bridesmaids.

Eric Jensen of Green Bay, Wisc., was best man. The groomsmen were Ben Surpless of Eagle River, Wisc., Brett Bartlett of International Falls, Minn., Eric Levin of Highland Park, Ill., Jeff Hesser of Deerfield, Ill., and Matt Nielsen of Gurnee, Ill. Cody and Jessica Curran, the bride's cousins, were flower girls.

The bride is the daughter of Anne Symchych of Andover. She graduated from Phillips Academy and from Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., magna cum laude. She is a candidate for a Ph.D. in geology at the University



Elizabeth and Andrew M. King

of Wisconsin, Madison.

Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael King of Highland Park, Ill. He also graduated from Carleton College and is a candidate for a Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

The couple live in Madison, Wisc.

### Chenard-Wilkins

Kimberly Gail Wilkins and Steven Joseph Chenard were married at South Church. The Rev. Dr. Calvin Mutti performed the ceremony.

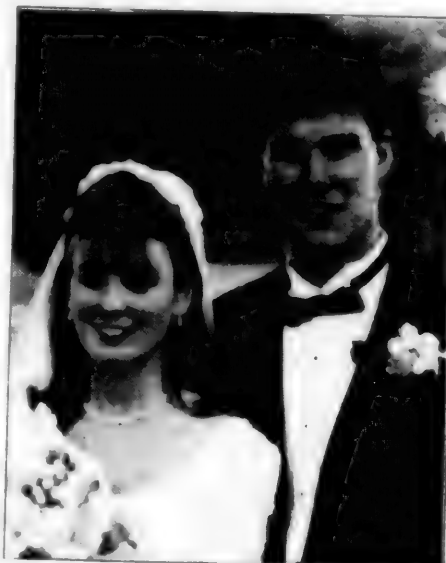
The bride was given in marriage by her parents, Skip and Camille Wilkins.

Amy Wilkins was her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Christine Loeber of Easton, Kerry Walsh of Waltham, and Kristie Chenard of Dover, N.H., the groom's sister. Lindsay Gillis, the groom's niece, was the flower girl.

Eric Dodier of Dover, N.H. served as the best man. Brett Kittredge, Michael Krassner, Sean Callahan, all of Dover, N.H., and Scott Wilkins of Charlestown, the bride's brother, were groomsmen.

Following a reception at Andover Country Club, the couple left for a honeymoon in Aruba.

The bride graduated from Andover High School and the University of New Hampshire with a bachelor of arts degree in communication. She is a senior computer broker at GreenPages Inc. in Kittery, Maine.



Kimberly and Steven Chenard

Her husband is the son of Roland and Sally Chenard of Dover, N.H. He graduated from Dover High School and the University of New Hampshire with a bachelor of arts degree in communication. He is sales manager for Granite State Plating.

The couple live in Stratham, N.H.

## RELIGION NEWS



Rev. A. Allen Bryan and friend

### A disciple for kids

When Rev. A. Allen Bryan came to Ballardvale United Church last summer, little did anyone know that he was accompanied by a one-of-a-kind disciple. This disciple is small and furry and answers to the name Sir Lambs-A-Lot. He sits on Pastor Allen's arm and preaches to the children through Rev. Allen's

voice. The children sit wide-eyed as Sir Lambs-A-Lot brings the message of Jesus Christ to them and how it relates to them and their world. His sermons have ranged from "In Search of the Holy Grill" to his most recent "Yardstick of Temptation," a special Lenten message about Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. When asked by a child how he knows so much, Sir Lambs-A-Lot

replied, "After all, Jesus is my Shepherd."

Ballardvale United Church is a United Methodist and United Church of Christ congregation.

### Good Friday 4-mile prayer walk set

Christian church leaders will gather once again on Good Friday morning for a four-mile prayer

walk around Andover.

This is the second such effort to unite the churches in the work of praying for the community. The idea grew out of a clergy prayer group and resulted in last year's walk where 11 pastors and 50 or more laypeople made the first effort a great success.

Twelve stops are planned where a clergy representative from one of the participating churches

will offer a brief prayer for some part of community life. Schools, town offices, fire and police stations, the Senior Center, shopping plazas and work places will all be the inspiration for prayer. The emphasis is on positive themes of encouragement, hope and blessing.

As this is Andover's 350th anniversary, the march will also stop at Old

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West Parish Church will present "The Living Last Supper," on Palm Sunday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m. and Maundy Thursday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m.

See religion story on next page.

## FINANCIAL STRATEGIES

by Ronald R. Hill, CFP, ChFC

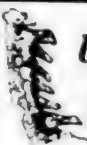


### READY TO RETIRE?

Many retirees express the wish that they had kept on working instead of retiring when they did. This bit of news comes from a recent study conducted by Louis Harris & Associates in which more than seven million retirees (nationwide) said that they should not have retired merely because they reached retirement age. This regret was more than twice as likely to be expressed by those who had not completely prepared for their retirements. More than one-fifth of the retirees surveyed said that they should have kept working. Why? "The need for money" (cited by 23%) was second only to "my retirement was unexpected" (40%) as the leading reason expressed for the regret. This all goes to show that financial readiness better determines retirement age than age alone. So that you will have achieved this state of financial readiness by the time you retire, please give us a call. Nearly always, the best retirement planning is that which is begun sooner rather than later. The best time to start is now!

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## Understanding Chiropractic

by Mark F. DeLorenzo, D.C.

PILLOW TALK



Those who take stock in the notion that a firm, supportive mattress plays a significant role in the health and well-being of the back may want to take their interest one step further. The thick, flat pillows that most of us use without giving the matter a second thought provide precious little support for the neck. They raise the head and leave the neck in a compromised position. As a result, all too many people awake in the morning after having slept on a regular pillow to find that they have backaches, stiff necks, and/or headaches. What is the alternative? There are a number of contoured pillows on the market that eliminate the need for the neck and back muscles to prop up the head in an unnatural sleeping position. One pillow, used by the Japanese for centuries, is filled with an organic material that conforms to the anatomy. Individual preferences vary, but neck support is essential.

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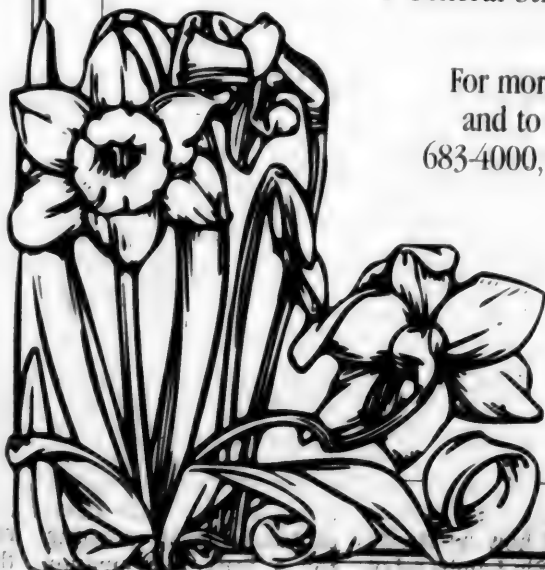
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## RELIGION NEWS

### Meet disciples at 'Living Last Supper'

West Parish Church will present "The Living Last Supper," on Palm Sunday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m. and Maundy Thursday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. The drama is based on Leonardo daVinci's famous painting that depicts the disciples and Jesus at the moment Jesus announced "...one of you shall betray me." "The

Last Supper" was painted in the 15th century on the wall of the refectory of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan, Italy. This drama brings to life the personalities of the disciples, their reaction to the words of Jesus, and tells what happened to them after the crucifixion. The stories help the audience understand Holy

Week and communion in a new way. "This is an excellent opportunity to complete the Easter story for children," organizers said.

Many who attend-

ed last year's drama said they felt they were actually sitting in the upper room with Jesus and the disciples.

Communion will be served after the Maundy Thursday presentation.

The costumes, the canvas-painted backdrop, and the table

setting are copied from the painting. The cast is made up of members from West Parish, with Pastor LaDu acting as Jesus.

Leonardo daVinci will be played by Bob DiSalvo and the disci-

ples will be played by Frank Hill, Steve Vano, Art LaFond, John Ippolito, Tim Turbett, Dennis Klokow, Chris Easton, Jerry Greer, Steve Knapp, Bill Gale, Don Leitch and Don Nickerson. [See

photo on page 25.]

Narrators will be Kathy LaDu and Jan Litchfield.

West Parish Church is located on Route 133 and Reservation Road and is fully handicapped accessible.

### Your Dental HEALTH

by Richard D. Hopgood, D.M.D.



#### OSTEOPOROSIS' OTHER EFFECTS

While it is now fairly well known that the bone-thinning disease called osteoporosis is responsible for bone loss and increased risk of fractures, it is not so well understood that it can also cause erosion of the jawbone and tooth loss. This impact upon oral health should be pointed out to the 20 million American women who suffer from the condition. Women tend to lose more teeth than men, especially after menopause, thus putting them at increased risk for an eroding jawbone. This is because the jawbone begins to lose its shape due to bone resorption once the teeth are gone. Once the jawbone loses its function of holding teeth in place, it begins to recede. As a result, the jawbone becomes less capable of accepting implants or even holding dentures properly in place, because they have less bone to rest upon. For these reasons alone, it is a good idea to prevent osteoporosis with proper nutrition and other therapies if need be.

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P.S. Smokers are especially vulnerable to osteoporosis and gum disease.

### Andona Society Membership Notice

The Andona Society is a non-profit women's civic organization which has been raising funds for the youth of Andover for more than 40 years.

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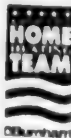
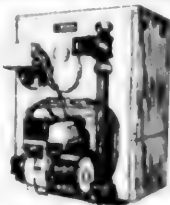
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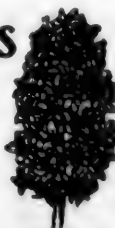
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## RELIGION

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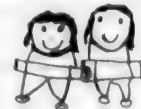
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# OBITUARIES

## Deaths Elsewhere

**CAPONE** - Vito Capone of Malden died Thursday, March 21, in Melrose.

Members of his family include his daughter, Sue Finn, and grandchildren, Lori, Pam and Patrick Finn, all of Andover.

**DESROCHE** - Joseph DesRoche, 85, of Haverhill died Sunday, March 24, at Sea View Convalescent & Nursing Home in Rowley.

Members of his family include his sisters, Anne Thomas and Eva Vieweg, both of Andover.

**DILENDIK** - John R. Dilendik 75, of North Andover died Thursday, March 21, at Oxford Manor Nursing Home in Haverhill.

Members of his family include his daughter and son-in-law, Marlene and David Bernardin of Andover.

**HATEM** - Louis J. "Cassidy" Hatem, 77, of North Andover died yesterday at his home.

Members of his family include his sisters, Mrs. Santo (Juliette A.) Messina, Rose M. Roux and Mrs. Charles K. (Sheila A.) Haddad, all of Andover.

**HEAFEY** - John J. Heafey Jr., 63, of North Andover died Thursday, March 21, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Members of his family include his sister, Edna Somma of Andover.

**LUCEY** - Anne F. Lucey, 68, of Wilmington, Del., died of cancer Monday, March 18, at her home.

Members of her family include her son and daughter-in-law, Francis J. and Martha Lucey Jr. of Andover.

## Miriam Putnam Director of the library from 1939 to 1967

The flag at Memorial Hall Library flew at half-mast last Saturday, March 23, in honor of Miriam Putnam, 92, of 57 High St., who died Friday, March 22, at Lawrence General Hospital. Ms. Putnam was the director of Memorial Hall Library from August 1939 to September 1967. She was the town's third director.

She was born in Cambridge and educated in the public schools there. She graduated from Radcliffe College in 1925 and received a graduate library degree from Columbia University School of Library Science.

She served in a variety of capacities on the staff of Newton Free Library from 1925 to 1929, except for a brief period of work in the Bookshop for Boys and Girls, and traveling in Europe.

During the years she was director of the library in Andover, two additions were made to the building: the children's wing and a reading room dedicated and named in her honor.

The library also became a sub-regional center for the Eastern

Regional Library System during her tenure.

During World War II, Ms. Putnam spearheaded a Victory Book Campaign that collected 5,500 books for the American troops.

In 1943, she began an adult education program on topics such as Russia, China, minority groups, current problems and the post-war world.



Miriam Putnam

In 1951 she began the Great Books Discussion Group, a library program that continues to this day.

She retired from Memorial Hall Library in 1967 after serving for 28 years.

When she retired, Memorial Hall Library

had a collection of 100,000 books.

She is one of several people featured in this year's video, *The Life of the Library*, commissioned to celebrate Andover's 350th birthday. In the video, Ms. Putnam read Robert Frost's poem, *Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening*. And she said with a smile in the video that she'd considered being an actress, but others thought she was better as a librarian.

She then served as an assistant

librarian at Talladega College Library in Talladega, Ala., for five years.

Afterwards, she volunteered to reorganize a community library for children.

She served as president of the Massachusetts Library Association and of the Adult Education Association of Massachusetts, and participated on committees of state and national library associations.

After her formal retirement in 1972, Ms. Putnam traveled and volunteered in human service activities.

Ellen McCarthy, a neighbor, came to know and care for Ms. Putnam while running errands and helping her with other chores during the last three years.

"She was super intelligent, very up on news and politics and everything, very involved," Ms. McCarthy said.

Andover resident Ruth Berthold said she'd known Ms. Putnam since the 1950s. "She was a wonderful person. She really built up that library," said Ms. Berthold.

Ms. Putnam was a member of NAACP, American Civil Liberties Union, Common Cause, Museum of Fine Arts, The League of Women Voters, Freedom to Read, and the Andover Historical Society, Andover Guild Board, to mention a few. She was a member of the North Parish of North Andover Unitarian Universalist Church.

Ms. Putnam had an avid interest in reading, symphony and theater.

Members of her family include her sister, Elizabeth Putnam Moreland of Bedford; three nephews; two grand-nieces and two grand-

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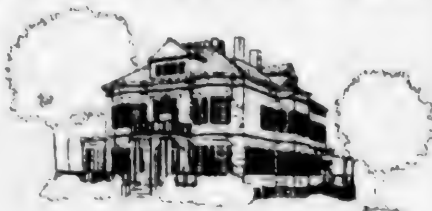
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## OBITUARIES

### Miriam Putnam

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nephews.

Memorial services will be held at North Parish of North Andover Unitarian Universalist, 190 Academy Road, North Andover, this Saturday, March 30, at 2 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the scholarship fund, Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Mass. 02138, or to the charity of one's choice.

### George Marad

#### Services to be announced

George Marad, 75, of 81 Morton St., died Tuesday, March 26, at Lawrence General Hospital.

A complete obituary will be announced by the Farrah Funeral Home of Lawrence.

### R. Peter Tassinari

#### Andover High grad

R. Peter Tassinari, 43, of East Greenwich, R.I., died Wednesday, March 20, at home.

Mr. Tassinari was born in Cambridge. He was a former resident of Andover. He moved from Boston to East Greenwich in 1991.

He graduated from Andover High School in 1971 and Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn., in 1975. He received a law degree from Suffolk University in Boston in 1978.

Mr. Tassinari was chief of staff to the president of Liberty Mutual in Boston for the past year. Prior to that he was assistant vice president and legal council for Liberty Mutual for 16 years.

Mr. Tassinari was a member of the board of directors at Kingsley Montessori in Boston and of the Massachusetts Bar Association. He was a former board member of South End Historical Society.

Members of his family include his wife, Melissa S. (Sherman) Tassinari of East Greenwich, R.I.; son, Michael S. Tassinari of East Greenwich; daughters, Emily R. Tassinari and Sara F. Tassinari, both of East Greenwich; parents, Robert P. and Doris L. (Reagan) Tassinari of Andover; brothers, Paul M. Tassinari of Westborough and Mark F. Tassinari of Andover; sister, Ellen M. Ford of North Andover; grandmother, Teda (Borghi) Tassinari of Arlington; and nieces and nephews.

Services were held Saturday at St.

Luke's Episcopal Church in East Greenwich. Burial was private.

Arrangements were by Hill Funeral Home in East Greenwich.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Luke Church for educational outreach, Greenwich, R.I. 02818, or American Red Cross, Rhode Island Chapter, 150 Waterman St., Providence, R.I. 02906.

### John J. Johnson

#### Had moved here to live with his son, Chief James Johnson

John J. Johnson, 88, died Thursday, March 21, at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

Mr. Johnson was born in Lynn. He had recently moved to Andover to live with his son, Andover Police Chief James F. Johnson and his wife, Frances Johnson.

He had been with Essex County Training School in Lawrence for 39 years when he retired in 1954.

Besides his son and daughter-in-law, he is survived by four grandchildren; a sister-in-law; and a niece.

He was the widower of Hazel E. (Phillips) Johnson.

A Mass was said Monday at St. Patrick Church in Lawrence. Burial was private.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Patrick Renovation Fund, 118 S. Broadway, Lawrence, Mass. 01843, or to Presentation of Mary Academy, 209 Lawrence St., Methuen, Mass. 01844.

### Thomas Getty Myers

#### Services for infant are Saturday at Spring Grove

Thomas Getty Myers, son of John O. and Mary (Jantzen) Myers of Huntersville, N.C., formerly of Andover, was delivered stillborn Sunday, Feb. 18, at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, N.C.

Besides his parents, members of his family include brothers, John O. Myers Jr. and Peter G. Myers, both of North Carolina; sisters, Mary Carolyn Myers, Mary Catherine Myers, Anne H.J. Myers and Elizabeth H. Myers, all of North Carolina; and grandparents, Mrs. Frank G. Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Jantzen, all of St. Louis, Mo.

A Mass of the Angels was celebrated at Saint Therese Catholic Church in Mooresville, N.C.

Friends are invited to a graveside committal service at Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover on Saturday,

March 30, at 11 a.m.

Local funeral arrangements were by Pollard Funeral Home of Methuen.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Therese Catholic Church, 217 Brawley School Road, Mooresville, N.C. 28115.

### Harold Jackson Jr.

#### Born in Andover

Harold S. Jackson Jr., 77, of Hanover, N.H., died Tuesday, March 19, at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H.

Mr. Jackson was born in Andover.

He worked at Joan Fabrics in Lowell for many years.

Members of his family include his daughters, Judy Cashman of Etna, N.H., and Brenda Timm of Bristol, Conn.; and three grandsons.

He was the widower of Harriet (Broughton) Jackson.

Services were held last Thursday at Rand-Wilson Funeral Home in Hanover, N.H. Burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hanover Youth Hockey Association, P.O. Box 922, Hanover, N.H. 03755.

### Margaret L. Ramsdell

#### Member of Andona Society

Margaret L. (Davidson) Ramsdell, 70, of North Hampton, N.H., died Sunday, March 24, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mrs. Ramsdell was born in Providence, R.I. She graduated from Pembroke College in 1946.

Mrs. Ramsdell had lived in Andover for 32 years before moving to New Hampshire five years ago.

She was a volunteer at the Boston Museum of Science and the Home for Little Wanderers in Jamaica Plain.

Mrs. Ramsdell was a member of South Church and the Andona Society.

She enjoyed the beach and playing the piano.

Members of her family include her husband, Dr. Robert C. Ramsdell of North Hampton, N.H.; son and daughter-in-law, John and Virginia Ramsdell of Andover; daughters, Marleah Thornton of Lee, N.H., and her husband, Martin Thornton, and Carolyn Ramsdell of Newton; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at Caron Funeral Home in North Andover. Burial was in Wildwood Cemetery in Winchester.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Andona Society, Box 256, Andover, Mass. 01810.

### Dorothy Robinson

#### Member of Temple Emanuel

Dorothy (Cohen) Robinson, 93, of Andover died Monday, March 25, at Lowell General Hospital.

Mrs. Robinson was born in Boston. She had lived in Lawrence for more than 50 years before she moved to Andover.

Mrs. Robinson was a member of Temple Emanuel and the Lawrence chapter of Hadassah.

Members of her family include her daughter, Natalie Stone of Brookline; son, Lewis Robinson of Andover; four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

She was the widow of Hyman Robinson.

Graveside services were held Tuesday at Sharon Memorial Park in Sharon.

Arrangements were by Goldman Funeral Chapel in Malden.

Cordolence calls may be made through tonight, Thursday evening, at the home of her son at 257 N. Main St.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

### Barbara B. Hatfield

#### Lived here since 1962

Barbara B. (Pratt) Hatfield, 74, of Andover died Saturday, March 23, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mrs. Hatfield was born and educated in Everett.

She had lived in Andover since 1962. Before that she had lived in Wakefield and North Reading.

Mrs. Hatfield served with the WAVES during World War II.

She was an independent insurance broker.

She retired from Fred C. Church Inc. in Andover in 1985.

Mrs. Hatfield enjoyed cake decorating, sewing, the outdoors and swimming.

Members of her family include her husband of 46 years, Harley F. Hatfield of Andover; daughters, Candy Borrello of Hudson, N.H., and Kim Steinke of Nashville, Tenn.; and two granddaughters.

Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Edgerly & Bessom Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St.

Services will be held today, Thursday, March 28, at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park in Peabody.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Lung Association, P.O. Box 265, Burlington, Mass. 01803.

## RELIGION

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to the greater community, as we believe that Christ died for all of humanity on the cross. The symbol of the cross will be the focal point, as we seek the blessing of God for all of the

people of Andover," organizers said.

The walk will begin 8:30 a.m. and end at 10:30 a.m. at the parking lot of St. Augustine Church on Essex Street.

For more information, call the Rev. Thomas Goldthwaite at Andover Baptist Church, or the Rev. Jack Daniel at Free Christian Church.

### Mendelssohn's 'Elijah'

In celebration of the Passover season, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St., will present the theme "Elijah and Mendelssohn's Search for God" this Sunday, March 31, at its 10:30 worship service.

The choir will sing three or

four of the familiar choruses from Mendelssohn's *Elijah* and several choir members will sing solos. Eleanor Richardson will present the sermon. James Cox will be guest accompanist.

Mendelssohn was born Jewish but lived in a time when there was pressure to conform to Christianity. His grandfa-

ther had been a famous Jewish thinker. But his parents adopted the surname of the people whose house they had bought - Bartholdy - and by this essentially tried to be Christian. Mendelssohn never accepted this. His magnificent oratorio, *Elijah*, is his Old Testament statement, his getting back in touch with his Jewish roots.



# SCHOOLTALK

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Persing and Linda Shen.

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Recently, the Boston Society of Civil Engineers Younger Member Committee (YMC) brought its outreach program to South Elementary. The visit was coordinated by Frank Rapisardi and gave students a chance to learn about the civil engineering profession.

The YMC has produced a program illustrating the various fields within civil engineering. The presentations typically consist of a slide show, discussions of available career options and student handouts. Each visit is conducted by a practicing engineer. The slides depict current, local civil engineering projects. The YMC also has copies of WHDH/Channel 7's video on the Central Artery project, "Dig It!!" available.

Students at South were visited by Mark Curtin, one of many local engineer volunteers. Coordinator Lisa Ackerman said "Engineers and students each benefit from the visit. The students are enlightened to the opportunities of an engineering education, and the engineers enjoy giving something back to the schools."

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Alan Ginsberg, an eighth-grade student at West Middle School and two-time winner of the school's geography bee, and Jonathan Hed of Pike School will be among more than 100 fourth-through eighth-grade students from schools throughout Massachusetts to compete in the National Geography Society National Geography Bee state finals tomorrow, Friday, March 29, at

The competition hosted by the Teachers Center for Global Studies at Clark, will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in

Atwood Hall on the corner of Main and Downing streets. Students will compete for prizes and a

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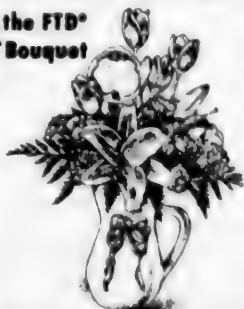
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By Perry Colmore

The comment I heard most often at the 350th's USO Dance Saturday night was, "We should do this more often; do we have to wait another 50 years for another dance like this?"

And no wonder. **Lou Ordman**, chairwoman of the dance, and the 350th Anniversary Committee put together a dance that we're not about to forget for a lot of years.

When you entered the Ramada Rolling Green, you were greeted by **Paul Ordman**, dressed in a rented MP uniform.

"I hope you don't have to stand out here all night," I said to him.

"I'm so hot in this uniform I might have to," he said.

We were asked to dress in evening clothes, "40s preferred."

Town Manager **Buzz Stapczynski** and his wife, **Sandy**, were both in navy blue Navy uniforms. Sandy's outfit was current. But the town manager's uniform belonged to his father. I asked him if he's at training weight for the Boston Marathon because he looked so thin, but he said no, he's not running it.

Also looking thin and dressed in uniform was Selectman **Bill Downs**, in his military police uniform, from the 117th unit in Alaska, we were told. His uniform still fit well.

There were service people all over the ballroom and at the bar. Several women wore dresses from the '40s. Some, like **Joan Ross**, wore hats with net veils. She made hers from pieces she bought. Her husband, **Russ**, wore a double-breasted suit "from years ago. He was surprised he could get into it," she said.

**Walt McKertich** also wore a double-breasted suit. His was navy with white pinstripes, complete with red carnation. He looked as if he should be packing a pistol. His wife, **Glenny** (they own the Earthfood Store on

Chestnut Street) was her usual beautiful self in a dress, with flowers in her hair.

The McKertiches, along with **Fred Stott**, have my vote for the best dancers of the evening. **Glenny** and **Walter** are the types who follow big bands around on the weekend, and they had their chance Saturday to dance to the very-danceable music by the Bo Winiker Swing Band. **Fred Stott**, who was there without his wife, **Susan** (she was out of town since Phillips Academy, where she works, was on vacation), was smoothly making his way, in his own World War II Marines uniform, across the parquet dance floor with different partners.

We saw him with **Ann Constantine** and later with **Norma Gammon**.

**Ann Constantine**, who is in charge of publicity for all the 350th events, wore an understated navy dress with a large pin that looked like a war medal. She looked smashing.

**Norma Gammon**, head of the whole 350th effort, wore her **Punchard High School** blue jacket. She had on saddle shoes, which she'd made by painting part of a pair of sneakers black. **Norma** told us she was a member of the first class that graduated from **Andover High** (1958), but the high school jackets still said "Punchard High." **Bob Phinney**, who recently retired as manager of the Lanam Club, wore his **Punchard High** letter sweater.

A couple of women went as **Rosie the Riveter**. One was **Margot Bixby**, who wore jeans, a red bandanna wrapped around her head and she carried an electric drill. (Ah well, the uniforms weren't all authentic.) **Margot's** husband, **George**, wore a rented white sailor suit and sailor hat.

**Jim Bedford**, who by the way is an expert on the Civil War, wore a rented white Navy uniform, hat and all. His wife, **Ellen**, wore a big picture hat with veiling.



Photos by Lisa Adelsberger

**Norma Gammon and Bob Phinney, in their Punchard High School clothes.**



**Fred Stott and Lou Ordman pose for the photographer. He wore his own uniform. She organized the dance.**

Selectman **Barry Finegold**, whose dad, **Michael Finegold**, also of Andover, played clarinet and saxophone with the band, was at the party, dressed as himself today! Actually, he said he wore suspenders, so that was partially a get-up. He was with **Ellen McCarthy** of Andover. She was dressed in a black velvet dress. **Barry** and **Ellen** graduated from Andover High School together in 1989 and she's his field director in his campaign for the state representative seat.

**Jeanne Schinto** was dressed more for today than the '40s, but her husband, **Bob Frishman**, had on his grandfather's military jacket. And, he wore a toupee! He said he'd thought his grandfather was a large man, but this was a small uniform.

**David Rodger** said he was wearing "bunting." He had on an American-flag necktie along with a medal that belonged to **Kathy Hess's** grandfather. **Kathy Hess** and her husband, **John**, were dancing but not in costume.

We saw **Ann Hall**, **Jean DeRosa**, **Jerry** and **Myrna Silverman** and scores of others enjoying themselves. **Bernice Haggerty** was there. So were **Dick** and **Barbara Moody**, he in uniform.

**Margaret Collard** bought her blue lace dress at the thrift shop. We're told it was probably from the early '50s, but who's counting?

**John** and **Alix Day** were there. She bought a top from Marshalls, which she altered to look '40s, and then she wore her mother's black taffeta skirt.

**Frank Johnson** wore his own Coast Guard uniform, although the shirt wasn't his. One of his friends told us that the medals **Frank** had on were his father's from World War II. Apparently, **Frank's** dad was in the Coast Guard in Pearl Harbor when it was bombed;



**Buzz Stapczynski in his father's uniform.**



**Walter and Glenny McKertich danced the night away!**

**Frank** was only 2 or 3 years old when that occurred.

**Bob Macartney** went as himself today, but he had on a bow tie, which looked '40s.

**Barbara** and **George Thibault** were very '40s, she in an original 1940s dress and with stockings with seams straight up the backs of her legs, and he in a double-breasted white dinner jacket with pink suspenders, a bow tie and a thin pin-striped shirt.



# Nadworny upsets Muller

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wornly said of his victory while greeting well wishers at the front door. "I look forward to getting past the divisiveness in town and working together to build a really good school and town working together."

Mr. Nadworny spend most of the day at the polls. He attributed his victory to "my willingness to be open, honest with the voters," and his trying to work for an open process.

"That and the idea that we've got to have plans before actions, and you've got to be able to articulate what's important to gain the support of the people you count on," he said. "I talked to a lot of people who said, 'I don't agree with your position, but I'm supporting you because I appreciate your willingness to listen.'"

He then turned to accept a congratulatory hug from Margot Bixby, another supporter.

"I think it's wonderful," said Sherry Nadworny, the candidate's wife. "I'm just glad that the people of Andover saw through the negative campaigning. I hope the Muller supporters will give Eric a chance and realize he's a bright, honest and decent guy, and he really is a consensus builder."

Marcia Huston is credited by some with getting Mr. Nadworny into the race.

She didn't know him, but when asking around to find out who might be qualified to run, his name came up and she introduced herself. She said Mr. Nadworny thought about running about a year ago, but at the time someone else was planning to run and he put it aside. Then, after the other potential candidate did not come forward, there were more discussions and Mr. Nadworny decided to make the commitment and put the time and energy into it. Along the way Ms. Huston has become a great fan of Mr. Nadworny.

"Now I don't think there could be a better person for (the job)," Ms. Huston said.

"It's a victory for the people of Andover," said Madhu Sridhar, town-wide PTO moderator. "They have been calling us 'vocal minority' for three years and we have put up with that. Now who is the vocal minority? Dick Muller and his crew are the vocal minority."

"I think it's fabulous. I think it



Photo by Carly Nelson

**Marcia Huston and Jim Marsh are pleased that their candidate won.**



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

**Eric and Sherry Nadworny and their daughters, Hillary, 5, and Katie, 9. All four of them celebrate their birthdays in April.**

sends a clear message that the people involved in the school system want to be heard," said Jim Marsh, School Building Committee chairman. "It's going to get some new blood in there. I think Dick did a good job, but I think people want a new majority - more open and willing to listen and with more liberal views and outlook."

"I am absolutely delighted for the town," said Rusty Dunbar, of 8 Alden Road. "I feel a lot of people have been disenfranchised for a long while. I am so proud of the town tonight you can write it anyway you want."

Ms. Dunbar said a lot of people felt this race was one of the townies against the newcomers, but that the vote proved that wrong.

"It's the best news we've had in a year," said Mary Lyman, former School Committee member. Ms. Lyman said the good weather meant a decent voter turnout. She also said people were impressed with Mr. Nadworny responses in the League of Women Voters debate. The vote was a strong message for change, she said.

## Campaign tactics

Nobody seemed to be able to call the election before the votes were counted Monday night.

"I had no idea who was going to win," Ms. Huston said. "I think it was a very emotional race."

According to Nadworny supporters, some of the issues that cost Mr. Muller



Photo by Carly Nelson

**Kara Huston, 11 years old, gives her mom, Marcia Huston, a bear hug at the polls at Andover High School when they hear about Eric Nadworny's winning numbers.**

votes were the removal of Sam Campbell from the principal position at West Middle School, the lack of input parents had regarding the superintendent search and the appointment process, redistricting and the threat to cut music and home economics programs from the budget. Ms. Huston said people felt there was a certain favoritism on the part of Mr. Muller for athletic programs and that other areas were being short-

changed because of it.

"I think there are a lot of people in town, some with kids in schools and some not, who care very much about the town and are anxious to see people work together. People are not comfortable with divisiveness," said Tina Girdwood, School Committee member.

## Effect on the committee

Ms. Girdwood, elected chairwoman of the committee Tuesday night in a unanimous vote, did not wish to elaborate on how Mr. Nadworny's victory will change the complexion of the School Committee.

"I still want to keep things positive. We'll have to settle in with that," she said. "I see these five people as a group."

"I'm excited for Eric. I think he's going to make a wonderful addition to the committee," Ms. Girdwood said.

"I think the other two members will re-evaluate their positions and realize that the majority has spoken in opposition to their frame of reference," Mr.

## Election Results

### School Committee

\* Nadworny: 2,087  
Muller: 1,363  
Tim McCarron: 56  
Blanks: 32  
Other: 5

### Moderator

\* Doherty: 2,522  
Doyle: 743  
Blanks: 272  
Other: 6

### Selectman

\* Downs: 2,486  
Blanks: 979  
Other: 78

### Housing Authority

\* Hajj: 2,572  
Blanks: 945  
Other: 26

3,543 people voted

Huston said. "Eric worked very hard and was very honest, above board, and is a consensus builder. He's earned a right to be on the committee. I think he'll bring a breath of fresh air."

"I believe Eric will work jointly with the rest of the School Committee to work for common goals," Ms. Hoffman said.

## Muller concedes

"I'm certainly disappointed," Mr. Muller said Tuesday.

"The election didn't focus on the issues - it focused on personalities," he said. "The lack of discussion on the issues led some people to make uninformed decisions. But I respect the results and I wish Mr. Nadworny the best. We're all in there to benefit the kids of Andover."

The problems with the school building project cost him a lot of votes, he said.

"I had to deal with too many issues in this election," Mr. Muller said. "Very few people understand the School Committee had no control" over the school building project. He said he tried to explain to people that it wasn't his issue, but the message just didn't get across.

"Most people don't read the paper," he said.

Rather than blaming him for the problems with the High School construction, people should be crediting him with pushing for the project in the first place, he said. "I'm the reason we have a High School project."

He also cited the Sam Campbell issue as one that "we had no control over."

And regarding the furor over the School Committee's suggestion to look at music and home economics for bud-

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# Dick Muller: Disappointed but proud of record

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get cuts, Mr. Muller said the committee had to consider alternatives.

"We didn't just go ahead and cut the budget," he said.

He still doesn't buy the argument that he didn't listen to parents on some key issues.

"I think that can be a very long debate," Mr. Muller said. "We had a lot of forums and a lot of input. I never did not return a phone call."

Unlike decisions made by the Board of Selectmen, he said, when the School Committee makes decisions, they directly affect children and parents react. No matter who is sitting on the school board, there are going to be some difficult decisions in the next few years, he said.

"I'm very proud of what we've accomplished," Mr. Muller said. "We eliminated busing fees."

He also said the building project was clearly a major accomplishment, pointing out that it was the largest debt exemption override of its kind in the state at the time. And it passed, he said, because people believed in the leadership of the School Committee at that time.

"I think I was in the forefront of that," Mr. Muller said.

He also took credit for helping increase the school budget to respond to increased enrollment.

"I'm proud of hiring the superintendent," Mr. Muller said.

All in all, Mr. Muller said he is certainly disappointed he didn't win the election, but satisfied with his accomplishments.

"I think we identified our vote and I'm proud of the people who voted for me," Mr. Muller said. "The opposition



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Dick Muller stands outside of the polls at Andover High School.

worked hard to identify the negative vote.

"My life goes on. To tell you the truth, I'm glad I don't have to talk with you people anymore," he said. "It's over. Now I'm going to go off and try and make some money and still be involved with the schools to the degree I can be. I just hope that the new majority on the School Committee doesn't go back to a fee-type structure to fund the Andover public schools budget."

Susan Dalton, School Committee chairwoman, and her husband, Charles "Bucky" Dalton, both of whom worked for Mr. Muller's campaign, were among those at Mr. Muller's



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Andover's most recently elected officials were sworn in Tuesday afternoon by Town Clerk Randy Hanson, center. From left, they are Ronald Hajj, re-elected to a five-year term on the Housing Authority, and who received the largest number of votes in Monday's race; James Doherty, re-elected to a one-year term as moderator and who begins his 19th year in the position; Eric Nadworny, beginning a three-year term on the School Committee; and William Downs, re-elected to a three-year seat on the Board of Selectmen. Even though he had an opponent, John Doyle, Mr. Doherty was the second-highest vote-getter in the town elections.

house waiting for the results Monday night. When told the results, Ms. Dalton had no comment on the outcome.

At Tuesday's School Committee meeting, Ms. Girdwood thanked Mr. Muller for three years on the committee and for his work on the school building project.

Frank Bellistri, an active supporter

of Mr. Muller, said, "First of all, I have to congratulate Eric Nadworny and wish him well because our success now depends on how successful he will be on the committee. I just want to be sure that no one loses sight of Dick Muller's many accomplishments. Dick Muller made a big difference, and he should be proud of that."

## School Committee: Arriving at 3-2 vote wasn't easy

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wants to foster a better relationship with town government officials, Mr. Nadworny suggested eliminating the position because it's a duplication of town services.

Susan Dalton and Lloyd Willey were in favor of the position as a revenue source for the schools. They noted both the town charter and state law say the town doesn't have control over the rental of school property.

"That's your first 3-2," said Mr. Willey after the vote. "I will not compromise the law."

Arriving at the 3-2 vote was not a pleasant process.

Ms. Girdwood described it as "absolutely grueling... being in the role of chair and not being able to make a motion."

Various motions by Mr. Birnbach and Mr. Nadworny failed either because no three members of the committee could support them or because no member would second the motion

***'I'm not trying to be cute. I can't make a motion you'd accept.'***

**Susan Dalton**

for discussion purposes.

Neither Mr. Willey nor Ms. Dalton made a motion.

"Every time I make a motion I get in trouble. So I'm waiting," said Mr. Willey.

"I'm not trying to be cute. I can't make a motion you'd accept," said Ms. Dalton.

There were a handful of long silences during the meeting while members waited for someone to offer a new option.

Dick Neal, superintendent, broke one long silence with the comment, "I can't make a motion."

"I will if you're really stuck," said

***Tina Girdwood described it as 'absolutely grueling... being in the role of chair and not being able to make a motion.'***

Tom Meyers, teachers union president, a strong proponent of supporting the superintendent's \$29.6 million recommended budget.

Mr. Meyers, a few parents, and Bob Stoetzel, chairman of the schools ad hoc finance committee, all offered suggestions to the committee.

Even the cable camera operator, Janet Caiati, offered advice.

Each of these people said they wanted the committee to support a budget higher than the FinCom's \$28.9 million recommendation because an article at Town Meeting can be amended down in price but not up.

At one point, David Birnbach made a motion to approve the FinCom's recommended budget, which is \$700,000 lower than the superintendent's recommended budget. He said he wants to have a plan by next year to make Andover High School one of the top 10 high schools in America and he knows this will require Town Meeting support. But he doubted Town Meeting would support a more than 10 percent increase this year, and then another change the following year.

Mr. Birnbach and Ms. Dalton voted in favor of the FinCom budget, but Ms. Girdwood, Mr. Nadworny and Mr. Willey were opposed. Mr. Birnbach later voted in favor of the \$29.4 million budget.

"I felt that tonight we needed to give the administration direction" so it can prepare for next week's public budget hearing, said Mr. Birnbach. "I realized that there was not support for my original motion so I went after what I could to reach a consensus."



# Townsmen EDITORIALS

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## Talking about growth

This newspaper has received more attention about its series on growth than it has heard since it launched a series on teen-agers back in 1993.

People phone the newspaper and write letters about growth. Residents want to talk about it; growth is one of the hottest topics in town right now.

Selectmen Chairman Larry Larsen is concerned that his board will go into Town Meeting not having discussed growth with residents enough. He suggested forming a task force to study growth. Selectman Barry Finegold agrees. In fact, he is hosting, on his own, a forum Saturday at Memorial Hall Library whose sole purpose is to talk about growth.

The rest of the selectmen said the town planners and the Planning Board are in charge of growth in town. But that would be like saying the School Committee is in charge of educating our students so we don't need parent-teacher organizations or school councils, or ... Well you get it.

No one is saying the subject of growth - limiting it or not - should be taken out of the hands of planners.

What selectmen Larsen and Finegold seem to be saying is this: When you say "growth" in Andover today, it's rare to find a person without a strong opinion on the subject. It takes all sorts of forums for a group as large as a community to reach a consensus on so important a subject. The more we talk the better off we are. The more we talk, the more we understand the other person's side on an issue.

We hear people wanting to limit growth more than "allowing" it right now. But we aren't sure it's possible to do that legally. If a person owns a piece of land and it passes all the town's ordinances and bylaws, then forbidding growth there would be taking away that person's rights to develop his/her piece of property.

Of course there are ways of preserving property and Andover has been good at it. Still, residents are threatened by the amount of growth Andover's seen lately and that's something we should talk about.

## Student: There aren't enough guidance counselors at AHS

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I'm writing to inform you of an absolutely ridiculous and unnecessary situation at Andover High School.

As a member of the class of 1997, I have not had a full-time guidance counselor since freshman year. Within the past three years, my homeroom has had four different counselors, three of them part-time. Up to this point we didn't pay much attention to this fact because we didn't have a need for a guidance counselor. Now, on the other hand, as juniors, we're beginning the college search process and it seems to me that having a guidance counselor would be an asset at this time in our lives.

The head of the guidance department at AHS met with our homeroom the other day. She tried to assure us that she and the new part-time counselor would do their best to bring us up to the level that the other juniors are at in planning their future. She also informed us of the fact that she had requested a full-time counselor for next year, but was denied her request by the School Committee.

It seems absurd that 25 juniors will not have someone to help them plan their future. We asked if next year it would be possible to assign our homeroom to a full-time counselor, and to assign one of the incoming freshman homerooms to the part-time counselor. We were told that that wouldn't be possible because of the school reform act going into effect. My response to that was, isn't the school's first responsibility to the well-being of its students? Apparently not.

We were told that if we wanted something to be done about this, we should have our parents complain. Why should our parents have to make sure their children have a guidance counselor? This is the responsibility of the school. It seems as if the school doesn't care enough about 25 students. Even if each one of the full-time counselors took on two to three new seniors next year - would it really be that much of a burden?

This just shows that the values of our town need to be re-examined. We spend millions of dollars on a new gym, but can't afford to hire a

much needed full-time guidance counselor.

Jessica Tuttmann  
AHS, Class of '97  
3 Knollcrest Drive

## Effort to control growth backfired

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The petitions initiated by (Jim) Loscutt and signed by 10 registered voters appear to have backfired. Rather than the original intention of controlling growth, it has actually created an increase in the number of homes to be built in the short term although both selectmen and the Planning Board are against these proposals as a means to control growth, one never knows how the average voter will address these issues.

However, one group that appears to be in favor of these proposals and waiting in the wings are the lawyers who are licensed to practice law in the state. Hopefully, the letter written by town counsel, (Tom) Urbelis, and cited at the last Planning Board meeting will convince enough voters that approving a "moratorium" could be seen as a land-taking by the town and result in a variety of legal challenges.

As a former landowner in Andover, I can relate to the comments made by a couple of elderly residents who have owned their land for years and now are being told that if this moratorium passes, the only way for them to sell their land is to take the town to court.

Having worked in Andover during the '70s and '80s, I never thought the day would come when Andover would adopt a form of snob-zoning. What ever happened to the "community" in Andover that I remember?

Don't let 10 people create a bonanza for the lawyers. Vote to keep your town as inclusive for all residents. It will save the town a great deal of money and the costs of legal challenges will not be added to your property taxes.

Jim Hadley  
125 Mountain Road  
Northwood, N.H. 03261

## Why does the DPW fill potholes during rush hour?

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Who does the planning for Andover DPW daily duties?

On Tuesday, the 19th of March, I was commuting along Shawsheen Road at 8:05 a.m. and was abruptly stopped so workers could fill the potholes with fresh pavement.

This busy road in between Red Spring Road and Cuba Street at those dangerous curves was congested with a town truck, two workers out in the street and students walking to school.

Could they have not filled those holes during less hectic traffic times? It makes one question the intelligence of the planner.

John Recesso  
Meadowbrook Drive

## Resident doesn't want candidates to make political pitch during recycling

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Every month I do my "Green" duty and show up at the local school to drop off my recyclables. I have always thought that this was/is a great idea and believe that in a small way contributes to my community.

What disturbs is the amount of people running for a local office that are blocking my path to the recycle trucks. I don't want to vote, sign-up or talk to you. I want to drop off my stuff.

Let's face it, the last thing I want to do is discuss what the hopeful is for or against.

Don't get me wrong. I think local politics are great! I'm very interested, but I think it is the wrong time and place. It may very well turn a lot of people off from showing up and dropping off their plastics.

Merrill Clark  
Andover

## Writing to the Townsmen

The *Townsmen* welcomes readers' letters. They must be signed with a name and address and should be no longer than two typed pages, double spaced. Please include a phone number, in case there are questions. Deadline is Monday at 5 p.m.

Perry Colmore's column  
is on page 31.



# LETTERS

## Boy Scout policy is worthy of debate

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I'm both appalled and bewildered by the letter from six Andover clergymen in last week's *Townsmen* supporting the Boy Scout policy banning gays. I'm not appalled by their support; actually I could care less about the Boy Scout organization. I am appalled that the clergymen believe the issue is not worthy of debate, and by the messages implied by their letter.

Do these gentlemen really think that, because the policy has been upheld by the courts, it should not be debated? (I wonder if they believe that the abortion issue is worthy of debate. After all, the Supreme Court ruled on it over 20 years ago!) And if they really think this topic is unworthy of debate, why did the six of them join forces to write a controversial letter?

These clergymen state that the Boy Scout policy is "common sense" aimed at "providing parents with confidence that their children are safe in the hands of adults entrusted with leadership..." scouting "builds values such as honesty, decency, citizenship and religious conviction," and it would be "unwise and misguided [to] reverse this policy." The clear implications of these statements are that gay men cannot be trusted with children, and that they are not honest, decent citizens. I challenge these clergymen to provide any evidence of these implications. Indeed, one need only read *The Boston Globe* on a regular basis to get the message that it is more dangerous to entrust one's children to clergymen than to homosexual Boy Scout leaders!

I always thought that one of the messages of religious education is that prejudice is wrong. I hope that these hypocritical clergymen can recognize their own prejudices and learn to overcome them.

Michael B. Frish  
4 Argyle St.

## We should support all types of people

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I was disappointed to read the letter by six religious leaders in Andover. Instead of supporting the Boy Scout ban, they could spend some time in learning about people with different views. No one wants young children or anyone to be in danger or to be under the control of someone who would harm them. There is no truth that because someone is gay that they present a danger to anyone.

The ban should be against behaviors and it should include a screening process to ensure that all leaders, including heterosexuals, are no threat to the Boy Scouts. Homosexual and heterosexual people can be honest, decent, good citizens and show religious conviction. Both groups can also have members who are evil.

To exclude a group of people based on who they are is as prejudicial as if a religious, ethnic, or racial group was excluded. We should support all types of people who want to help the next generation grow. By valuing differences we will teach people to be decent and caring community members.

Paula Piccolo  
11 Hampton Lane

## People are individuals

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I was dismayed by the letter "Several clergy support Boy Scout policy on gays in the organization," which appeared March 21. Wouldn't it be inspiring if institutions claiming their mission in society is to build values such as "honesty, decency, citizenship, and religious conviction" united and led the way out of prejudice and ignorance, boldly setting a higher standard by viewing people as individuals instead of reinforcing stereotypes. If the Boy Scouts look no deeper than "labels" in choosing their leaders, they are currently at great risk in eroding that "delicate fabric of trust and goodwill" that has been put forth as part of the rationale for blatant discrimination against gays in Boy Scouting. Family values are not the sole property of husband, wife and the mythical 1.75 children. Family values exist wherever people care for and about each other. No human being is rendered incapable of these commitments solely on the basis of their sexual orientation.

Susan Wilner  
10 Garfield Lane

## Not a mental disorder

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I was dismayed [by the clergys' letter.] The authors... suggested that inasmuch as Scouting plays an integral role in helping "to build values such as honesty, decency, citizenship and religious conviction," it would be "unwise and misguided" to allow gay persons to hold leadership positions. They warn that efforts to reverse the anti-gay policy "will only harm the delicate fabric of trust and goodwill that exists among the institutions of Andover... all of whom have a stake in raising healthy, well-adjusted children." As a father having a stake in raising healthy, well-adjusted children, I must take issue with these remarks.

Homosexuality was erroneously labeled a disease in the 19th century, resulting in much of the current misunderstanding. The disease hypothesis was debunked by studies which demonstrated that homosexuals and heterosexuals revealed no distinguishing pathological differences. In 1974, the American Psychiatric Association removed homosexuality from its official list of mental disorders. In the vast majority of modern societies, homosexual activities are considered normal and socially acceptable.

Are the authors really suggesting

that gay people as a class are not honest, decent, civic minded or religious? The colleagues of gay business people, the constituents of gay elected officials, the fans of gay professional athletes and performing artists, the students of gay teachers and the friends, relatives and acquaintances of gay people everywhere, would be astonished to learn this. Do they believe that Scouts would become gay or not pursue "traditional families" because they had a gay scoutmaster?

And what is the safety issue? Can the authors be suggesting that there is some association with being gay and child abuse? Is it a neglect issue? The perpetrators of unlawful homosexual activity are a minute percentage of the homosexual population. Certainly, child abuse has been recognized as a major social problem. That problem, however, is predominantly associated with forms of parental abuse and neglect, particularly among parents (mostly heterosexuals) who were themselves victims of abuse and neglect. Should all parents be barred from leadership roles in the Boy Scouts?

But this is not just about gay bashing. The authors properly focused the issue as one of basic values. What matters to us as people? What do we stand for? What values do we want to pass along to our children? And how do we, as role models demonstrate those values. When our children are very young, we read them the story of the ugly duckling. Through that and numerous other stories we teach our children not to ridicule, fear or shun people because of their differences. We teach them that discrimination is the result of fear and ignorance. We teach them that through mutual understanding, kindness and working and playing together, we create friendships.

A hallmark of a free society is to be free from invidious stereotyping and prejudice on account of one's personal preferences. The Boy Scout policy panders to fear and ignorance. The supporting rhetoric is reminiscent of the hate rhetoric used so effectively in Nazi Germany and by the Ku Klux Klan. I invite the authors of the letter to reconsider the wisdom of the policy, not from the standpoint of whether they personally approve of or agree with the gay lifestyle, but from the broader perspective.

I write out of necessity, to be a proper role model to my children and to keep my children safe, to teach them to stand up and speak out against those who would victimize others simply because they make different lifestyle choices.

Bob Brintz  
7 Spencer Court

## 2 subjects: Growth and Scout policy

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Home for spring break, I reached into the mailbox eagerly Thursday to

get the town paper. I love catching up with the news, especially when I find items that demand immediate comment. Yesterday I found two. Ordinarily I would address them in separate letters, but since I only have a couple more days left in town, I will compress them.

First, I was surprised and gladdened to see the paper and the community finally deal with the growth problems this town has been experiencing over what to me has been the course of my lifetime. Raised since birth on Enfield Drive, a quiet, shady street near South Elementary School, I have seen my neighborhood go from picturesque woodland to a kind of homogenized cul-de-sac hell.

No insult intended to my neighbors, but when I was a child I used to think of the neighborhood as my playground. Across the street from my house was a deep forest with paths running through it where bicyclists, runners and hikers could while away the hours without intruding on anyone's backyard. Behind my house was another forest, a street-locked oasis of wood and sand where I would fly kites, go sledding, and play with my golden retriever. Off of Woburn Street was a great sandpit where my father and brother would go skiing while I sledded. Alone or with friends, I spent a lot of time outside, following woodland paths, watching animals and birds, and enjoying time away from houses, parents, siblings and cars.

Over the years, my playground was taken away from me. Tilton Lane was built in a sandpit off of Ballardvale Road. Then Island Way and a couple other cul-de-sacs sprang up off of Woburn Street. A few years later the land across the street was despoiled by a disgustingly upscale housing development, giant houses on tiny lots of land, lawns rolled over the old forest floor. Then three more cul-de-sacs, two on Ballardvale Road, one off of Woburn Street. Another giant luxury development in the sandpit off of Woburn Street. I used to play in the half-built houses and climb up the big piles of dirt... until I got sick of it.

No more big sandpits, no more forests to really run around in. Eventually I came feel like a stranger in my own backyard. I'd go for a walk in the woods behind my house and feel like I was going to be arrested for having a good time. Nobody else was ever in the woods. It was like a kind of negative space where life ceased to exist. Only really fit for new houses really. Eventually even the land behind my house was destroyed. Looking out the windows at the back of my house, I can see the hulk of a big, pricey house with a big, pricey lawn. I don't like it.

Between Wyncrest Circle and Arcadia Road, both streets that run off Ballardvale Road, there is a lovely bit of forest left. Giant rocks, hills, a street, lots of animals, maybe even a deer or two. It's going to be developed soon, I

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# LETTERS

## Growth and Scout policy

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just know it. I spent a lot of time there this past summer and I saw that a road has been carved out. Trees plowed over, tire tracks everywhere, little orange ties marking where the lots are going to be. It turned my stomach and made me want to cry. Once this land is gone, it's gone. It will be hundreds of years until the houses and lawns and drive-ways turn back into forest. I won't be around for that and neither will any of us. But can't we please think of the future? People need to have a playground.

Finally, I would like to comment, if only briefly, on the letter submitted to the paper by a group of local clergy who support the Boy Scouts of America in their policy "barring avowed gay persons from holding positions of leadership in scouting." I find this letter to be disgusting and personally offensive. To assume that a gay or bisexual Scout leader would pose a risk to his Scouts either by setting a poor example or by sexually abusing them is a gross misjudgment that smacks of prejudice and ignorance.

The letter states that scouting has always promoted honesty, decency, citizenship and religious conviction. How does a gay or bisexual scoutmaster not also promote these values? In coming out and revealing his sexual orientation, he is honest. In being a good scoutmaster, he is decent. In serving his community, he is a model citizen. And there is little basis for saying that a gay or bisexual person has any less religious conviction than a heterosexual person. I have known and do know many gay and bisexual men who continue to practice their faith even as they are open about their sexual orientation.

As for the implication that openly gay and bisexual men, scoutmasters or otherwise, are more likely to sexually abuse young boys, I think that the clergy have the situation all wrong. National studies of child abuse have shown that more than 95 percent of abuse is perpetrated by heterosexual men, not gay or bisexual men. Furthermore, the vast majority of those abused are pre-pubescent or adolescent girls, not young or adolescent boys.

Wendy Darling  
11 Enfield Drive

## Safety is not the issue

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I am writing in response to a letter last week by several clergy colleagues which contained phrases which might be subject to misinterpretation. In my view it is not a "common sense policy" on the part of the Boy Scouts of America to discriminate against youth and adults on the basis of sexual orientation. Prejudice and discrimination are just that, whether in sheep's clothing or not.

The concern of the writers that children be "safe" can likewise be misleading as safety is not the issue before us. Acceptance and equality for gays and lesbians will increase the safety of all participants.

Likewise the phrase, "positive adult role models who espouse traditional family values," might mislead the reader to imply that participation by gay Scouts and leaders could somehow compromise these laudable

goals. I believe prejudice itself is the quickest way to compromise the authenticity of traditional values education.

I hope that through a process of dialogue and education the Boy Scouts of America will put aside its discriminatory policy against homosexuals promulgated in 1991 and return to a wholesome model of scouting appropriate for the richly diverse society of our United States today.

Rev. Peter T. Richardson  
Minister  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
In Andover  
Locke Street

## Not about excluding gays

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I was more than disappointed to read in your publication that I am the "lawyer who fought to exclude gays" from the annual St. Patrick's Day parade in south Boston. [March 21, page 11, "Grand marshal in St. Patrick's Day Parade."]

During the extensive interview with your reporter, I placed great emphasis on a "correction" that was published in *The Boston Globe* on March 18. ("Making Amends," Mark Jurkowitz, the Ombudsman). *The Boston Globe* had, for the last four years, been characterizing the issue in the "St. Patrick's Day Parade Case" as one of the "exclusion of gays."

Your paper evidently chose to ignore Justice Souter's opinion written for a unanimous Supreme Court, and crudely replaced the facts of the case with comments consistent with the view of your writer.

The United States Supreme Court decision reversed a Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court judgment that compelled the sponsors of the parade to include messages that the sponsors did not wish to have conveyed in their parade. It was the custom and practice of the South Boston veterans to reject groups with messages the veterans felt were inconsistent with their version of a St. Patrick's Day parade. In the past, the veterans had rejected the Ku Klux Klan, an anti-busing group, a militant IRA group, an anti-abortion group and, in 1993, an anti-gay display.

When the veterans rejected the application of a group of gays, lesbians and bisexuals that had been formed to march in the 1992 parade with "gay pride" and political messages, the legal fight began. The years of litigation and active suppression of the veterans' freedom of speech by the state courts, agencies and elected officials is well chronicled in a book soon to be released entitled "From Trial Court to the United States Supreme Court," Paul J. Walkowski and William M. Connolly.

It is sad indeed that your newspaper would join the *Boston Globe* in demeaning an important and unanimous first amendment decision of the United States Supreme Court by mischaracterizing the issues and outcome. It is a disgrace for this community newspaper to ridicule the veterans of South Boston for fighting to retrieve rights in the courts that they had successfully defended on the battlefield. Shame on you.

Chester Darling  
attorney for  
the South Boston Allied War  
Veterans Council

## Reader says reporting is biased

Editor,  
*Townsmen*:

I have been a regular reader of the *Andover Townsman* since I moved to Andover 20 years ago. If one wants to know what is going on in town with the schools, sports, local entertainment, business or real estate, the *Townsman* is the place to find out about it. In that respect your paper serves the community well.

However, I cannot sit by any longer and not voice my opinion of your political coverage. Anyone who has followed town politics, and the *Townsman's* coverage of the same, for the past 1½ years knows exactly where the *Townsman's* sentiments lie, but it is not necessarily from reading your editorials as professional journalism dictates. Much of your "news" coverage has been blatantly slanted in one direction, a perfect example of which is the School Committee flier controversy that you created in the March 21 issue.

The *Townsman* has every right to support an individual candidate on the editorial page as many papers do as part of their First Amendment right to free speech. That is where opinions of the editor belong, so they can be recognized as opinions, not facts. But, it is the responsibility of the newspaper to print "news" articles from an objective point of view. That is the service it provides to the town. Instead, you have continually hidden your bias between the lines of news articles rather than publicly and honestly endorsed a candidate.

Your actions in "creating" news rather than factually "reporting" news have had a divisive impact on the town. Your slanted writing has done a disservice to the candidates, the readers of your newspaper, and to the town of Andover. I feel a public apology is in order.

Ruth Bellistri  
23 Brown St.

## Decries cuts

Editor,  
*Townsmen*:

It appears evident that more cuts may be made to an already

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## LETTERS

### Reader decries cuts

(Continued from page 36) slim educational program at Andover High. Due to the differences between town and school budgets, the High School may be subjected to further reductions to personnel and programs at a time when millions of dollars are being spent to renovate the building. Over the years, one target for course reductions has been the integrated arts programs. It will be extremely difficult to provide a comprehensive education to students if further cuts are made in this area.

Over the last five years at the High School significant reductions have been made to programs that are intended to give students active learning experiences. The CAD program which helped students design materials using the AutoCad drafting program is gone. The automobile course was also eliminated. There is no longer a full time television studio adviser to help students devise educational videos although a member of the applied arts department has devoted many extra hours of his own time to keep the program in operation. The business department was also reduced by 1.2 teachers last year.

As chairman of this six-person department, I fear that more reductions may come. It appears that home economics will not be offered next year despite the fact that enrollments for this program are up. This curriculum

was reinstated just three years ago because it was believed that students needed more hands-on programs.

Our department is already functioning at a bare-bone budget. The budget this year for both child care and foods classes in the home economics department was a measly \$1,500.

**'The business department was also reduced by 1.2 teachers last year.'**

This money was used to purchase food materials for an entire year, small appliances, copy costs, substitute teachers, travel and equipment repair. This program serviced over 120 students throughout the school year. The home economics program needs to survive so students can have various learning experiences at AHS. Joanne Devney has done a marvelous job over the

past three years, surviving with very little financial support.

In addition, the High School applied technology department consisting of five teachers shared a budget of \$1,500. This also had to service five teachers for supplies, substitutes, travel, field trips, copy costs, and educational software. Also, two new courses, Desktop Publishing and Computerized Yearbook, needed to use funds to provide new materials.

Despite our budget woes, we have survived, but more cuts will surely hamper our efforts severely.

Our department hopes to be leaders using the new technologies that are slated to become available at the High School. We cannot accomplish this with more personnel or program cuts.

**Ken Kwajewski**  
Applied  
Technology Dept.  
head  
Andover High

### Catholics upset by clergy letter

Editor,  
Townsmen:

As parents and practicing Catholics, we were deeply disappointed by the Andover clergy-men's response to the issue of the Boy Scouts of America's policy on excluding homosexuals as members or leaders. In stating that the existing policy does not need to be debated, they avoid a deeper examination of the principles that they espouse under the rubric of "traditional family values."

The logic of their argument is misguided and uninformed. To raise concern for children's safety under the supervision of a homosexual is insulting to the many gay teachers, religious educators, clergymen, public servants and other gay persons who, whether we know it or not, care for our children every day. Homosexuality is not equivalent to pedophilia. As physi-

cians we are painfully aware of the horrors that may be visited upon children, even in traditional heterosexual households.

Sexual orientation does not influence the ability to impart values of honesty, decency, citizenship, and religious conviction. We would agree that a discussion of one's sexuality does not belong in a Scout meeting; this would be inappropriate

whether it was discussed by homosexuals or heterosexuals.

The existing policy of the Boy Scouts has been upheld by the courts, based upon legal and constitutional principles. However, on what moral principles do the clergymen support their position? The catechism of the Catholic church states that homosexuals "must be accepted with respect, compassion,

and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided."

Before evoking "traditional family values," we should remember a more basic value and tenet of our faiths, "Love your neighbor as you love yourself" (Luke 10:27).

**JoAnne T. Nowak, M.D.**  
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15 Fossen Way

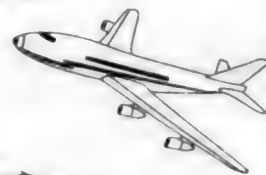
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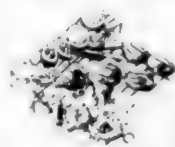


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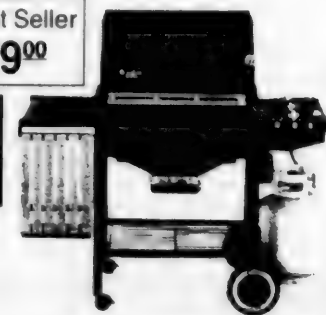


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# 350TH EVENTS

## 350th events coming up in April

By Virginia Lopez Begg  
350th Committee

Andover's 350th anniversary celebration continues in full swing as the month of April presents a spectrum of activities, many related to the town's tradition of interest in the arts. The 350th anniversary art exhibit, concert and play are among the highlights of the schedule. Some events require tickets, which must be purchased in advance at anniversary headquarters in Old Town Hall on Main Street. Information is available at 474-0951.

### Historical Society exhibit opening

If "Andover at 400" looks 50 years ahead, the Andover Historical Society's new exhibit, "Andover Celebrates: 1896" looks 100 years back at the community's 250th anniversary. The exhibit opens April 13 with a reception from 4 to 6 p.m. featuring champagne and strawberry treats at the candlelit Amos Blanchard House, historical society headquarters. Tickets, \$5 each, are available at the society. The exhibit, which will remain on view through 1996, includes a 32-foot mural of Andover's 1896 celebration, painted by Karen Herman and Sue Dennett, as well as photographs and memorabilia.

### Andover in the 20th century

After the great centennial exposition in Philadelphia in 1876, America began to look over its shoulder at its own history. Andover was no exception and the Andover Historical Society was founded in 1911. On April 16, at 9:30 a.m., a coffee with refreshments will take a brief glance at 85 years of the historical society's activities in Andover. The program, at the society's Main Street headquarters, is free.

### Concert of American music

On Sunday, April 2, at 3 p.m., an organ recital and concert of American music celebrating Andover's 350 anniversary will be presented at Cochran Chapel at Phillips Academy. Organist Carolyn Skelton with guest artists John Skelton, organ, Asher Davison, clarinet, and the academy's brass ensemble will perform. The event is sponsored by the 350th Committee.

### Art exhibit

Art in a variety of media will be on display at four sites during Andover's 350th Anniversary Art Exhibit from Tuesday, April 23, through Thursday, April 25. The exhibit opens with Library, Old Town Hall, Andover Baptist Church, and Andover Unitarian

Church. Each reception site will include music and refreshments. Featuring the work of adult artists and student artists from Andover schools, the exhibit continues on Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Anniversary concert

"Let the Music Swell the Breeze," a concert of American choral and orchestral works, with dance, will be presented Friday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Case Memorial Cage at Phillips Academy. A special feature of the concert will be the premier performance of composer Daniel Pinkham's *The Tenth Muse*. Tickets - \$10 each, \$5 for students - are available at anniversary headquarters. The concert is sponsored by Marland Place, Merrill Lynch, and the 350th Committee.

### Our Town

*Our Town*, the classic American play by Thornton Wilder, will be staged by the Andover Community Theater Saturday, April 27, at 8 p.m. at Doherty Memorial Auditorium on Bartlet Street. The grand finale of Andover's 350th anniversary fine arts week, the play will showcase the talents of actors from age 11 through the senior citizen years. Most are Andover residents.

*Our Town* presents life in a turn-of-the-century New England community and the drama of their daily lives. Tickets are on sale at anniversary headquarters and (if available) at the door. The play is sponsored by the 350th Committee.

### "Amelia's Last Lecture"

A one-woman show about legendary aviator Amelia Earhart, enacted by actress/playwright Linda Myer, will be presented at Memorial Hall Library on April 28 at 3 p.m. The show will dramatize the questions about this daring woman and her unsolved disappearance. Ms. Myer takes the audience behind Amelia Earhart's public persona and also captures the spirit of the 1920s and '30s. The performance is presented and sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library.

The library's monthly historical exhibit for Andover's 350th celebration will focus on the years from 1900 to 1930 (see sidebar, below).

From the "age of confidence" through World War I and the Roaring '20s, America entered the 20th century with zest.

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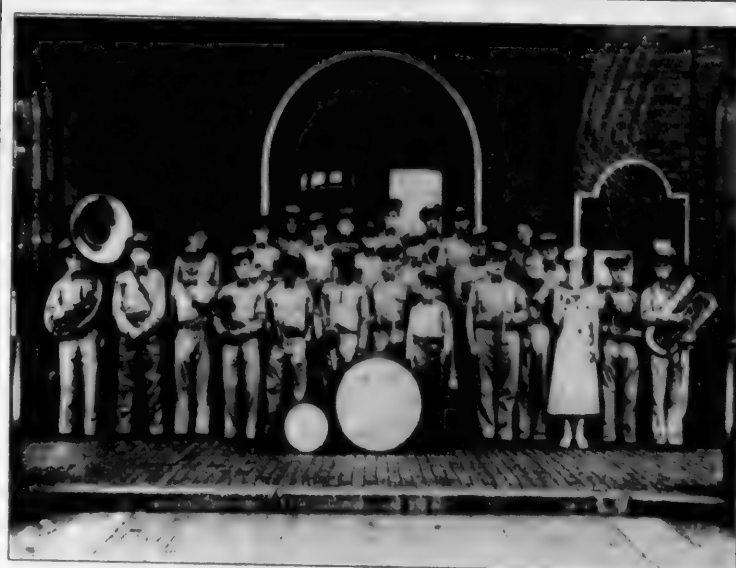


Photo courtesy of the Andover Historical Society

Music has long been part of Andover's celebrations.

## 350 men marched from Andover that day A special feeling here for Patriots Day

Reprint from the Andover Historical Society Newsletter, Spring 1994, written by Joan Patrakis and reprinted for this 350th Anniversary series.

A great holiday celebrated only in Massachusetts is Patriots Day. Andover has a special feeling for this event because our Minutemen responded to the call.

History does not tell how the alarm was brought here that April dawn in 1775 but Andover men, like those in every town north of Boston, has been preparing for months for this moment. The British were marching on Concord.

Church bells repeated the alarm to each household, interrupting the routine of early morning. Messengers carried the news through the countryside rousing men from their chores in the fields. Oxen and plows were left on the spot as militiamen armed with muskets and bayonets hurried to assemble at the meetinghouse where drumbeats summoned them. By 10 o'clock two companies of Minutemen, presumably part of Colonel James Frye's regiment, left Andover followed a short while later by four companies of foot soldiers of the 4th Essex County Regiment of Militia. They hurried toward Lexington on the road already busy with gathering troops from neighboring towns.

Eager to claim their right to independence, 350 men marched from Andover that day. Among them were a number of "aged" and others unable to bear arms who carried provi-

sions for the troops. Boys accompanying their fathers were warned to stay clear of the fighting. One foot soldier, Pomp Lovejoy, was an Afro-American slave aged 52.

Captain Benjamin Ames led one company; Captain Thomas Poor the other. Both men were experienced soldiers who had served in the French and Indian War, as had many of their officers and men. Their historic march to Lexington is recorded in the journals of Andover soldiers.

Thomas Boynton, a sergeant in Captain Ames' company, noted that accounts of the fighting were relayed to the troops as they passed through each town. "In Tewksbury news came that the Regulars had fired on our men in Lexington, and had killed eight. In Billerica news came that the enemy were killing and slaying our men in Concord." Private James Stevens of Captain Poor's company described the scenes of destruction. "...We saw several Regulars dead on the road and some of our men...three or four houses were burnt..."

By the time Andover troops arrived at Lexington, the British had retreated, so the Minutemen followed them toward Charlestown. The enemy had a substantial lead. As night fell, the Andover companies ceased the pursuit and, weary from their 35-mile march, made camp at Menotomy, now Arlington.

At Bunker Hill they would get their chance to display great courage.

## 350th Celebration activities at Memorial Hall Library

### April exhibit: 1900-1930

► April 21, 3 p.m. Memorial Hall  
Concert: Operafest from Longy School of music featuring 18 aspiring opera singers.

► April 23-25, Memorial Hall  
Art exhibit: Works by students in all Andover schools and by artists from the community. Open daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

► April 23, 4 p.m. Memorial Hall  
Opening reception and music for the All Andover Art Exhibit.

► April 28, 3 p.m. Memorial Hall  
Theatrical: Amelia Earhart,

through her speeches and writings by Linda Myer.

### May Exhibit: Civil War - 1860s

► May 5, 2 p.m. Memorial Hall  
Library front steps  
Rededication of Memorial Hall Library with Harriet Beecher Stowe and the troops.

► May 5, 3 p.m. Memorial Hall  
Theatrical: Harriet Beecher Stowe - The Andover Years

► May 8, 7:30 p.m. Memorial Hall  
Symposium: Andover at 400 - Education. A 350th Committee

### Program.

► May 17-19, Memorial Hall  
Friends annual book sale during regular library hours.

### THIS SUMMER

### June exhibit: 1950s

July exhibit: Andover Over the Years

### August exhibit: The Future

► Aug. 8, 7:30 p.m. Memorial Hall

An Evening of Poetry: Andover poets read "Future Classics" and selections from their own work.

September exhibit: 1960s



# EVENTS CALENDAR

## THURSDAY, MARCH 28

**Lottery dinner**, sponsored by the St. Michael's School Parent's Guild, one ticket includes dinner for two and a chance to win \$10,000, there will also be two \$500 winners and a 50/50 raffle, at the Andover Marriott, cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7, tickets are \$100; 686-1862 or 686-4050.

**Book fair**, sponsored by the Sanborn School, featuring an evening presentation from Jade Reitman, principal of Sanborn School, and Pat Purdy of Banbury Cross Children's Bookshop, entitled *Family Reading: Readers Under Construction*, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., program 6:30-8:30 p.m., at school cafetorium, Sanborn School, Lovejoy Road.

**Baby with the Bathwater**, sponsored by the Bradford 1995-'96 Creative Arts Series, a play about the baby-boomer parent-hood gone outrageously wrong, at Denworth Hall, Bradford College, Bradford, 8 p.m., \$5 general admission, \$4 for area students and seniors; for reservations and information call Bradford College box office (508) 374-0076.

**Storytelling**, featuring Mark Davis, an independent documentary film producer, writer, and director, at Merrimack College, North Andover, 7 p.m., free; Casey Coburn (508) 837-5190.

**Preview party**, sponsored by the Sixth Annual Greater Newburyport Garden Show, at The Tannery, 50 Water St., Newburyport, 6-9 p.m., \$15, \$25 per couple; (508) 465-1991.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 29

**City of Angels**, sponsored by the Andover Drama Guild, at the Collins Center, Andover High School, Shawsheen Road, 8 p.m., \$8 for tickets.

**Sixth Annual Newburyport Garden Show**, featuring several guest speakers including Paul Parent, host of WRKO's *Paul Parent Show*, holding an open forum to answer questions on gardening problems, also

segments on flower-arranging, growing and caring for clematis and daylilies, and an opportunity to speak with horticulturist Paul Rogers, at The Tannery, 50 Water St., Newburyport, 8 p.m., \$3, \$2 for seniors, \$1 for children; (508) 465-7047.

**Baby with the Bathwater**, see entry under Thursday, March 28.

**Jazz concert**, presented by the Phillips Academy music Department, a tribute to Milt Hinton, "Dean of Jazz Bassists," at Kemper Auditorium, Elson Art Center, Phillips Academy, Chapel Avenue, 7 p.m., free; 749-4263.

**Godspell**, presented by Pingree School of South Hamilton, colorful music and choreography highlight this musical of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, at Giordano's Starlite Dinner Theatre, Route 97, Georgetown, dinner at 6:15 p.m., show at 8:30, prices range from \$17.95 through \$24.95, show only price is \$9; 1-800-287-PLAY, reservations are required.

**Country western dance**, sponsored by the North Reading Moose Lodge, featuring dance instructor Ken Wheeler, line and couples taught, cash bar, lessons from 7:30-8:30 p.m., dancing until midnight, at the North Reading Moose Lodge, 140 North St., North Reading, \$5 donation; (508) 664-8561 or (508) 772-2195.

**Me and My Girl**, presented by the Drama Club of Bishop Fenwick High School, featuring Andover residents Aimee Dollard and Erika Galinski, at Bishop Fenwick High School, Margin Street, Peabody, 8 p.m., tickets available at the door.

**Bridging the Gap**, a day-long interactive conference for all seventh-graders and their families, featuring workshops on communication and decision-making skills facilitated by high school peer leaders and professionals from the field of adolescent development, at the Ramada Rolling Green Conference Center, Lowell Street; 8:30

a.m.-1 p.m., 8:30 a.m. check-in at the front lobby registration desk, a registration fee of \$9 is requested to cover lunch.

**Eighth Annual Quilt Show (Quilts in Bloom)**, presented by the Tewksbury Piecemakers, 2-9 p.m., the Holiday Inn Grade Ballroom Route 133, Andover Street, Tewksbury; (508) 988-9397.

**Something in a Basket**, sponsored by the Community Cooperative Nursery School of North Andover, an auction, silent auction from 6:30-8 p.m., live auction starts at 8 p.m., among items to be auctioned will be a complete orthodontic treatment, at North Parish Church Hall, North Andover; 683-0988.

**An Ionesco Duo, Two Short Plays by Eugene Ionesco**, featuring *The Bald Soprano* and *Jack*, these two early plays are examples of the avant-garde drama of the post-World War II period known as the Theater of the Absurd, at the Steinbach Theatre, George Washington Hall, Phillips Academy, Main Street, tickets are \$5; box office 749-4433.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 30

**Godspell**, show only price is \$12, see entry under Friday, March 29.

**City of Angels**, see entry under Friday, March 29.

**In Celebration of Women event**, sponsored by the Lowell General Hospital, featuring seminars on financial management, investment strategies, discussions on nutrition, stress management, exercise instruction and health screening, entertainment by Back Porch Dance Company, at Vesper Country Club, Tyngsboro, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., \$35 pre-registration is required; (508) 937-6267 for information and registration.

**Mozart Requiem**, sponsored by the Phillips Academy Music Department, featuring the Academy chorus, members of the Andover Community Chorus, the Academy Chamber Orchestra and special soloists, at Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy, Chapel Avenue, 7:30 p.m., free; 749-4263.

**Me and My Girl**, see entry under Friday, March 29.

**Baby with the Bathwater**, see entry under Thursday, March 28.

**Sixth Annual Greater Newburyport Garden Show**, 5 p.m., see entry under Friday, March 29.

**Eighth Annual Quilt Show (Quilts in Bloom)**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., see entry under Friday, March 29.

**An Ionesco Duo: Two Short Plays by Eugene Ionesco**, see entry under Friday, March 29.

**Kids Take the Lead Day**, hosted by the Tsongas Industrial History Center, featuring hands-on activities such as weaving, building and testing water-

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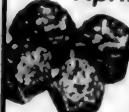
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Jenny Powers, playing the part of Donna/Oolie, and Todd Buonopane as Stine, the author who creates the play-within-a-play, rehearse for *City of Angels*. The production, sponsored by the AHS Drama Guild, is at the Collins Center this weekend. Tickets are \$8.

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# EVENTS

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wheels and canal systems, designing a mill cart, working on an assembly line and role-playing immigrants, at the Tsongas Center, Boott Cotton Mills Museum, Lowell, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., families are encouraged to pack a picnic lunch; (508) 970-5080.

**Pancake breakfast**, all proceeds to benefit Reach out for Youth Campaign, at the Andover/North Andover YMCA, 8-11 a.m., \$5 per person, \$10 per family, tickets available at the front desk.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 31

**Godspell**, dinner at noon, show at 2 p.m., see entry under Friday, March 29.

The deadline for news & info for the next issue is 5 p.m. Monday.

## CHILDREN'S CONCERTS

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**Me and My Girl**, see entry under Friday, March 29.

**Keltic Kids in concert**, featuring the Murphys of Pike School and Phillips Academy playing traditional Irish airs, jigs, reels, songs and dances, at the Timken Room, Graves Hall, Phillips Academy, Main Street, 3 p.m., free; 749-4263.

**Sixth Annual Newburyport Garden Show**, 5 p.m., see entry under Friday, March 29.

**Piano and flute concert**, presented by Eugenia and Leonid Mironovich, featuring their students performing the music of Vivaldi, Bach, Beethoven, Mozart, Chopin, Tchaikovsky, Scriabin, Rachmaninoff, Prokofiev, Honneger, Poulenc, Genin and others, in honor of Andover's 350th Anniversary, at Memorial Hall Library, Main Street, 2:30 p.m., free;

Eugenia Mironovich 685-1643.

**High-Tech Hits the Willow**, sponsored by the Willow Racquet & Fitness Centre, an open house and fitness expo, featuring demonstrations, sports challenges and many activities, which the whole

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family can enjoy, at the Willow Racquet & Fitness Centre, 815 Turnpike St., North Andover, 1-5 p.m.; (508) 687-0505.

**Hike**, sponsored by the Andover Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club, day hike to Cannon Moun-

tain, seven-mile hike via Hi-Cannon and Kinsman Ridge trails to the 4100-foot peak, intermediate level, winter equipment may be necessary; Bob Dyer (508) 681-0781 for time and meeting place, register by March 29.

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## SPORTS

# ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL 1996 SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES

## VARSITY BASEBALL

(Home Games at Wilmington High)

### APRIL

- 8 - Revere, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
- 11 - at Revere, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
- 13 - Acton-Boxboro, 1 p.m. (non-league)
- 17 - at Acton-Boxboro, 1 p.m. (non-league)
- 24 - Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
- 26 - at Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
- 29 - Dracut, 3:30 p.m.

### MAY

- 1 - at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
- 3 - Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
- 6 - Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
- 8 - at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
- 10 - Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
- 13 - Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
- 15 - at Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
- 17 - Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
- 20 - at Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.
- 22 - at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
- 24 - at Lawrence Tournament, opponent, time TBA
- 26 - at Lawrence Tournament, opponent, time TBA
- 27 - at Lawrence Tournament, opponent, time TBA

**Head Coach:** Ken Maglio (4th year).

**Assistant Coaches:** Kevin Rourke, Chris Eggert.

**Record Last Year:** 14-8 (2nd round Eastern Mass. Division I North Tournament)

## VARSITY & JV SOFTBALL

(Home Games at Doherty Middle School)

### APRIL

- 10 - at Dracut, 3:30 p.m.
- 12 - Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
- 13 - at North Andover, 10 a.m. (non-league)
- 16 - at Chelmsford, 2 p.m.
- 18 - Lawrence, 2 p.m.
- 22 - at Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
- 24 - Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.
- 26 - at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
- 29 - Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.

### MAY

- 3 - Dracut, 3:30 p.m.
- 6 - at Lowell, 7 p.m. (JVs at 5 p.m.)
- 8 - Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
- 10 - at Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
- 13 - Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
- 15 - at Tewksbury, 7 p.m. (JVs at 5:30 p.m.)
- 16 - Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
- 20 - at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
- 21 - North Andover, 3:30 p.m., at Merrimack College (non-league)

**Varsity Coach:** Ken Pellerin (7th year).

**JV Coach:** Betty Iannucci.

**Varsity Record Last Year:** 4-16

## WOMEN'S VARSITY TENNIS

(Home Matches at Andover High)

### APRIL

- 10 - Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
- 12 - at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
- 22 - Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.
- 24 - Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
- 26 - Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
- 29 - Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.

### MAY

- 1 - at Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
- 8 - at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
- 10 - Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
- 13 - Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.
- 15 - at Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
- 17 - at Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
- 20 - at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
- 22 - Lowell, 3:30 p.m.

**Head Coach:** Tony Russo (7th year).

**Record Last Year:** 17-1 (MVC champion, 2nd round Eastern Mass. Division I North Tournament)

## MEN'S VARSITY TENNIS

(Home Matches at Andover High)

### APRIL

- 10 - at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
- 12 - Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
- 17 - Phillips Academy, 2:30 p.m. (non-league)
- 22 - Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.
- 24 - at Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
- 26 - at Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
- 29 - at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.

### MAY

- 1 - Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
- 3 - at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
- 6 - at St. John's Prep, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
- 8 - Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
- 10 - at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
- 13 - Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.
- 15 - Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
- 17 - Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
- 20 - Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
- 22 - at Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
- 24 - Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.

**Head Coach:** Mike Wartman (13th year).

**Record Last Year:** 19-2 (MVC champion, 2nd round Eastern Mass. Division I North Tournament)

## MEN'S VARSITY TRACK

(Home Meets at Lovely Field)

### APRIL

- 5 - at Lawrence, 9 a.m.
- 10 - Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
- 17 - at Dracut, 10 a.m.
- 20 - at Haverhill Invitational, 10 a.m.
- 24 - Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
- 27 - at State Class B Relays, 10 a.m., Whitman-Hanson High
- 29 - Billerica, 3:30 p.m.

### MAY

- 2 - at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
- 4 - at Phillips Academy, 2:30 p.m.
- 6 - Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
- 11 - Andover Boosters Invitational, 10 a.m.
- 15 - Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
- 18 - at MVC Championship Meet, 10 a.m., Cawley Stadium (Lowell)
- 21 - at Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.
- 25 - at State Class B Meet, 10 a.m., Reading High

### JUNE

- 1 - at All-State Meet, 10 a.m., Bridgewater State College
- 8 - at New England Championship, 10 a.m., Brown University (Providence, R.I.)

**Head Coach:** Dick Collins (37th year).

**Assistant Coaches:** Arthur Iworsley, Wayne Arsenault, Peter Comeau, Tim McCarron.

**Record Last Year:** 7-1 (2nd State Class B Meet)

## WOMEN'S VARSITY TRACK

(Home Meets at Lovely Field)

### APRIL

- 5 - at Lawrence, 9 a.m.
- 10 - Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
- 13 - at Wilmington Invitational, 10 a.m.
- 17 - at Dracut, 10 a.m.
- 27 - at State Class B Relays, 10 a.m., Whitman-Hanson High
- 29 - Billerica, 3:30 p.m.

### MAY

- 1 - at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
- 4 - at Phillips Academy, 2:30 p.m.
- 6 - Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
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### JUNE

- 1 - at All-State Meet, 10 a.m., Bridgewater State College
- 8 - at New England Championships, 10 a.m., Brown University (Providence, R.I.)

**Head Coach:** Dick Collins (19th year).

**Assistant Coaches:** Arthur Iworsley, Wayne Arsenault, Peter Comeau, Tim McCarron.

**Record Last Year:** 7-0 (MVC champion, 2nd State Class B Meet)

## MEN'S VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

(Home Matches in Dunn Gymnasium)

### APRIL

- 2 - at St. John's Prep, 4 p.m.
- 4 - at Methuen, 6 p.m.
- 8 - Holliston, 5 p.m. (non-league)
- 10 - Lowell, 4 p.m.
- 11 - Somerville, 4 p.m. (non-league)
- 12 - at Dracut, 6:30 p.m.
- 23 - at Newton South, 4 p.m.
- 24 - Chelmsford, 4 p.m.
- 26 - at Billerica, 4 p.m.
- 29 - Latin Academy, 4 p.m.

### MAY

- 1 - at Westford Academy, 4 p.m.
- 3 - St. John's Prep, 4 p.m.
- 6 - Chelmsford, 4 p.m.
- 8 - Methuen, 4 p.m.
- 10 - at Lowell, 4 p.m.
- 15 - Dracut, 4 p.m.
- 17 - at Chelmsford, 4 p.m.
- 21 - Billerica, 4 p.m.
- 22 - at Holliston, 6 p.m. (non-league)
- 23 - Westford Academy, 4 p.m.

**Head Coach:** George Sullivan (8th year).

**Record Last Year:** 22-2 (North Alliance champion, State runner-up).

## JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL

(Home Games at Wilmington North Intermediate School)

### APRIL

- 8 - Revere, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
- 11 - at Revere, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)
- 13 - at Acton-Boxboro, 1 p.m. (non-league)
- 17 - Acton-Boxboro, 1 p.m. (non-league)
- 24 - Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
- 26 - at Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
- 29 - Dracut, 3:30 p.m.

### MAY

- 1 - at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
- 3 - Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
- 6 - Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
- 8 - at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
- 10 - Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
- 13 - Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
- 15 - at Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
- 17 - Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
- 20 - at Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.
- 22 - at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.

**Head Coach:** Dan Grams (9th year).

**Record Last Year:** 16-1

## FRESHMAN BASEBALL

(Home Games at Doherty Middle School)

### APRIL

- 24 - Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
- 26 - at Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
- 29 - Dracut, 3:30 p.m.

### MAY

- 1 - at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
- 3 - Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
- 6 - at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
- 8 - at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
- 10 - Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.
- 13 - Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
- 15 - at Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
- 17 - Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.
- 20 - at Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.
- 22 - Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.

**Head Coach:** Claude Beaudet.

## FRESHMAN SOFTBALL

(Home Games at West Elementary and Doherty Middle School)

### APRIL

- 24 - Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m., West Elementary
- 26 - at Billerica, 3:30 p.m.
- 29 - Dracut, 3:30 p.m., West Elementary

### MAY

- 1 - at Methuen, 3:30 p.m.
- 3 - Lowell, 3:30 p.m., West Elementary
- 6 - North Andover, 3:30 p.m., Doherty Middle (non-league)
- 8 - at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.
- 10 - Lawrence, 3:30 p.m., Doherty Middle
- 13 - Methuen, 3:30 p.m., West Elementary
- 15 - at Lowell, 3:30 p.m.
- 17 - Haverhill, 3:30 p.m., West Elementary
- 20 - at Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.
- 22 - at North Andover, 3:30 p.m. (non-league)

**Head Coach:** Dick Loschi (2nd year).

## FRESHMAN TRACK

### APRIL

- 25 - Chelmsford & Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.

### MAY

- 8 - North Andover, 3:30 p.m.
- 17 - Andover Invitational, 3:30 p.m.

**Head Coaches:** Leo Lafond (women), Karl Lippmann (men).

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The Andover All Stars, a 5th- and 6th-grade Church League Basketball team, won the Little Riverhawks tournament at UMass Lowell. Members of the team (in alphabetical order) are Heather Berquist, Jenna Berquist, Meredith Fish, Samantha Hughes, Rachel Koffman, Katie Kramer, Kate Lombard, Jenny Muller and Kaylan Tildsley. Coaches are Dick Muller (in photo), Jim Tildsley and Bob French, league president.

## AHS gym and track stars honored

By Rick Harrison

Several Andover High athletes earned Merrimack Valley All-Conference and All-Star honors in women's gymnastics and indoor track for the recently-completed 1995-'96 season.

In gymnastics, All-Conference honors go to New England uneven bars champ Devin Starr, freshman Tara Cullin on balance beam and sophomore Amy Shui in floor exercise.

In track, the men's All-Conference choice from AHS is senior Captain Charlie Russo (distances) while Large School All-Stars are senior Captain Erik DeMarco (hurdles), junior Don Pattullo (middle distances) and junior Matt Herling (distances).

On the women's side, All-Conference athletes are senior Randi Spiegel (sprints) and Susan Ashlock (distances) while Large School All-Stars are sophomore Barbara Contos (hurdles), junior Stephanie Brown (high jump) and freshman Kristin Munson (distances).

## Are you running Boston?

If you are running in the Boston Marathon on Patriots Day, Monday, April 15, please call reporter Don Staruk at 475-1943. This year is the 100th anniversary of the Boston Marathon.

The Townsman is looking for people who might know who the first Andover man and woman were to run in a Boston Marathon.

We'd also like to know the fastest finishing times for Andover residents and who from Andover ran the most Boston Marathons.

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# SCHOOL TALK

(Continued from page 30)

chance to represent Massachusetts at the National Geography Bee in Washington, D.C., May 28-29. The geography

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The championships drew 67 teams from throughout New England.

Fiske won all seven of his events in the 9-10 boys division and captured the overall high-point trophy among the 9-10 boys. He also established New England records in three events - the 50 back, 100 back and 200 individual medley. The 200 I.M. record had stood for 15 years.

Siu won the 50 free, 50 breast and 100 breast in

the 9-10 girls' division, and finished second overall in the high-point competition. In addition to three gold medals, she finished third in the 100 free and 200 free, and fourth in the 100 I.M. and 200 I.M.

The 9-10 boys relay team of Sean Geary, Jonathan Meltz, Matt Judell-Halfpenny, and Fiske captured second in the 200 medley relay, fourth in the 400 free relay and fifth in the 200 free relay.

Geary placed sixth in the 200 free and Judell-Halfpenny captured 13th in the 50 breast and 16th in the 100 breast.

Allison Greene finished ninth in the 100 fly, and Justine Douvadjian was 14th in the 200 free.

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# Planners try to regulate sex shops

By Don Staruk

Planners are trying to control where cabarets featuring nude dancers or book stores selling pornographic or sexually explicit materials can operate in town.

They voted Tuesday night, March 26, to recommend approval of Article 71 on the April Town Meeting warrant, which proposes regulations for such businesses.

Currently, adult-use businesses are not mentioned in the town's zoning bylaw, which means they are allowed in any business district as a matter of right. Article 71 would effectively limit such businesses to the town's only Limited Service zone, which is in the area of Interstate 93 on Lowell Street.

"It's not the intent of the regulation to permit these uses, but to regulate where they would be allowed to go," said Steve Colyer, town planning director.

"I think the challenge is to explain to Town Meeting that we're not totally crazy," said Michael Miller, Planning Board chairman.

Putting regulations in place could be enough to discourage these businesses, Mr. Colyer said.

"These people don't like to go where there's going to be a hassle,"

*'I think the challenge is to explain to Town Meeting that we're not totally crazy.'*

*Michael Miller, Planning Board chairman*

he said.

With the restrictions proposed in the article — such as setback requirements, buffering and parking — the adult uses would be limited to one small parcel of land currently owned by the Internal Revenue Service on the south side of Lowell Street, and six lots across the street running from the I-93 ramps east toward the Rolling Green Ramada Hotel.

Two of those six lots are owned by the state, and the state has shown no interest in parting with them, according to Mr. Colyer. That would reduce the available lots where adult-use businesses could go to four, unless the IRS were to sell a piece of its property, which also is not seen as likely.

If approved at Town Meeting, the

bylaw amendment would still need to be approved by the attorney general. The balance planners are trying to achieve is to have the law liberal enough to gain the Attorney General's approval, but restrictive enough to discourage such businesses from attempting to settle here.

The need for the bylaw was first brought to the attention of selectmen and planners by Tom Urbelis, town counsel, last November. Mr. Urbelis advised adopting some regulations in light of battles over adult-use facilities that were going on at that time in other communities. Several communities, including North Andover, are in the process of trying to adopt similar bylaws or have already done so.

Selectmen agreed to propose the change, and are the petitioners on the warrant article.



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MARCH 28**

Healthy Communities Tobacco Awareness Program, Advisory Committee, 10 a.m., 10-12 Main St.

**FRIDAY,  
MARCH 29**

Contributory Retirement Board, 3 p.m., third floor, town offices.

**MONDAY,  
APRIL 1**

Council on Aging, 8 a.m., Senior Center.

**TUESDAY,  
APRIL 2**

School Committee, 7:30 p.m., School Committee room.

Finance Committee, 7:30 p.m., second floor conference room, town offices, Bartlett Street.

West Middle School Council, 6:45 p.m., Media Center, West Middle School.

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# DOWN THE YEAR

## 100 years ago, March 1896

The ice at Poor's pond in Frye Village was eleven inches thick Wednesday morning and of a good quality. If Holt's ice house had not been previously filled, there would have been no trouble in getting a second crop.

A bunch of handsome and fragrant violets found on our desk one day this week, we afterwards discovered they were from Mr. Nice, who just now has a fine lot of this beautiful little flower.

Many Andover people have attended the Opera Bride of Seville at Lawrence this week. It is run under the auspices of the G. A. R. and Relief Corps.

The electric cars resumed operations Wednesday afternoon, having been tied up since late Monday night. Water in the powerhouse at Lawrence was the cause.

F. H. Foster left his horse and sleigh standing in front of Parker's drugstore Tuesday morning and while he was away the horse started off and struck the entrance to a drain under Draper's crossing with such force as to break both shafts completely from the sleigh. Geo. W. Foster came to the rescue and by heroic efforts succeeded in grabbing the reins and bringing the horse to a standstill.

A cent piece was given to each school child for the capture of a caterpillar-cocoon.

One week from to-night, a debating club will be formed in the Common Room to run a six-week course. Mr. Geo. W. Foster will be the pilot. A mock town of Andover will be organized, and a few important town meetings held.

W. F. Bartlett Relief Corps will have an Old Maids' Auction in G. A. R. Hall Wednesday evening. Admission is 15 cents. There will be dancing.

## 50 years ago, March 1946

The fire department knew where it was going last week when an SOS was received from Aberdeen. It was going up a tree - on an errand of mercy. A pretty tiger cat had been chased up an elm tree near the Aberdeen by an unfriendly dog and once up she wasn't quite sure how to get down.

A meeting of the 300th anniversary committee was held at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 18, at the Town House.

The School Committee held an organizational meeting on Tuesday night. Mr. Harrington, state representative of the Department of Education, was present to discuss the prospect of using federal funds to subsidize the school lunches. It is hoped that the school cafeteria will thus be enabled to serve hot and nutritious lunch to each child at minimum cost.

Dorothy Crawford, internationally famous monologist, will present a program of original character sketches at Phillips Academy.

Fifty children from the West church will join their voices in a production of The Magic Beanstalk. Accenting the point that there is large deposit of uranium in Russia, Thomas F. Mahoney, speaker at the Men's club of St. Augustine's parish last Monday evening, predicted that the United States could be bombed within five to ten years if some effective control of the atom bomb is not discovered.

## 25 years ago, March 1971

The Recreational Advisory Committee has released their masterplan for the development of Andover's Recreational Park as the town's complete recreational facility.

Voters Monday night cut the annual school budget by \$117,000 as a record turnout of 1,409 residents inched along the 79-article warrant without substantial progress. In voting the reduced amounts, the voters were in effect, rejecting the establishment of a computer center and a person to staff and implement the program.

The town's bulldozer, used to crumple and compact material at the sanitary disposal site is hors de combat, less than a week after voters decided against its replacement.

The height of frustration for a canine must be a truckful of bones being carried off in barrels well beyond reach.

Such was the sight the other day when a rendering firm was leaving a local market, being followed by three mouthwatering canines.

A cleaner Andover is the goal of several local people planning for Earth Day.

The national organization, Vietnam Veterans Against the War will show their film, Winter Soldier Investigation in the meeting room of the Memorial Hall Library.

The Andover West Jr. High has started its own Ecology Club as part of Andover's Ecology Action.

Residents will consider Article 70 for

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# DOWN THE YEARS

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appropriation of funds to construct an addition to Doherty Middle School.

## 10 years ago, March 1986

A permit for a 60-room hotel with meeting rooms valued at \$1,390,000 by Koala Andover Associates, River Road, topped the list of projects for which building permits were issued.

The Board of Selectmen added their stamp of approval to Planning Board articles which would promote retail use of the Park on Barnard Street corridors and create a Multi-family zone on the edge of the Cen-

tral Business District.

The School Committee voted to accept the \$17,108,231 annual school budget, which is a seven percent increase over last year's.

In an effort to

expand the availability and influence of computers, Phillips Academy has opened a new computer literacy center.

A group of 11 Merimack College students will be doing volunteer work in

Orlando, Maine, over spring break.

The physical education department is again sponsoring a Jump Rope for Heart event, organized by Louise M. Rozzi, at West Elementary

School. A team of teachers, and fourth, fifth and sixth grade students will jump rope to benefit research, education and community programs of Heart Association.

The Guthrie Theatre's production of Great Expectations, Charles Dickens' classic tale, will be presented at the J. Everett Collins Center for the Performing Arts at 7 p.m.,

Wednesday, March 19.

The Doherty Junior High girls' basketball team recently completed their first undefeated season in the school's history.

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From the left, front row, Dick, Jean, Caroline; back row, Glenn, Kathleen, Loretta, Anna; Keith is missing from the photo.

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Elder Services advocates for funds, manages resources and provides referral assistance to elders and families about choices in community-based services.

Andover's school building project at AHS will be on the warrant at Town Meeting next month.

The special section on the building project is in today's paper. Extra copies of the section are on sale at the Townsman offices, 33 Chestnut St.

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A sample of hot dogs and fries available at Belly Stuffers.

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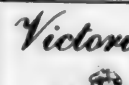
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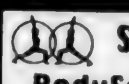
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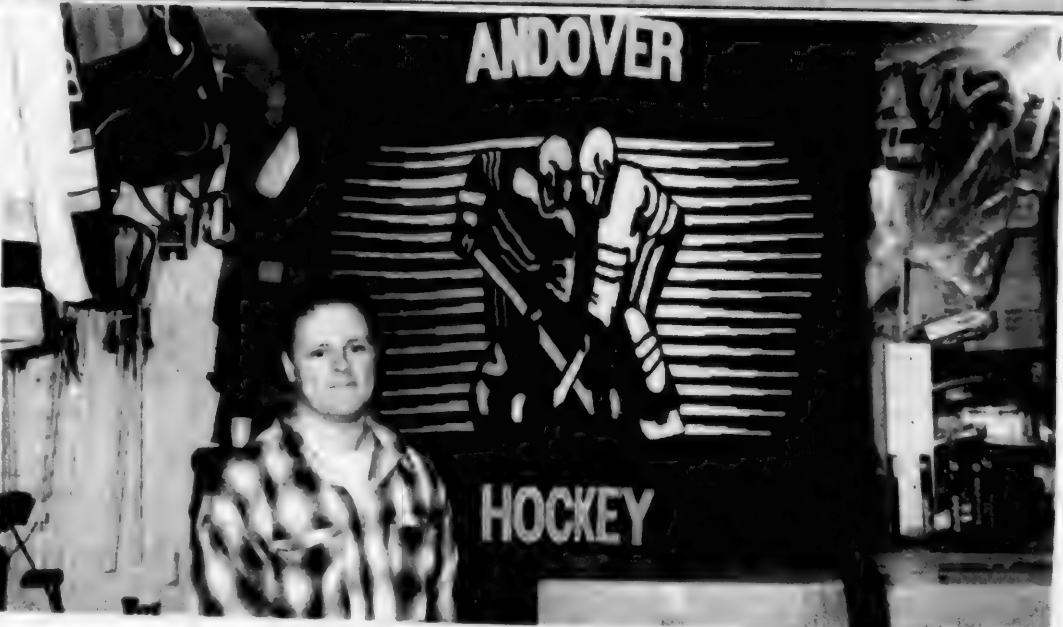
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# POLICE LOG

## ARRESTS

Tuesday, March 19 - At 10:16 p.m., Charles R. Edwards, 31, of Lawrenceville, Ga., was arrested near 235 S. Main St. and charged with operating under the influence (alcohol) after he was allegedly involved in a hit-and-run accident on North Main Street.

Wednesday, March 20 - At 2:14 p.m., Nicole M. Brunelle, 17, of 7 Longwood Drive, and Michael Trombley, 19, of 110 Lowell St., were both arrested on Longwood Drive and each was charged with illegal possession of a class-D substance (marijuana).

Friday, March 22 - At 7:18 a.m., Kevin D. Scott, 19, of Salem, N.H., was arrested on Union Street and charged on an Andover warrant.

Saturday, March 23 - At 7:54 p.m., Richard A. Doucette, 42, of Wakefield, was arrested on Union Street and charged with operating under the influence (alcohol-second offense).

Sunday, March 24 - At 12:55 p.m., Michelle J. Goddard was arrested at CVS/Pharmacy, 60 Main St., and charged on a Natick District Court warrant for being a disorderly person and assault and battery.

Alfred Marotta III, 29, of 86 S. Broadway, Lawrence, was arrested with Ms. Goddard and charged with tres-

passing.

Monday, March 25 - At 3:53 p.m., Jorge L. Pagan, 25, of 8 Grace Terrace, Lawrence, was arrested on Union Street and charged on a warrant.

## INCIDENTS

Tuesday, March 19 - At 9:20 a.m., Lawrence police reported someone was shooting a BB gun on Route 495 at Route 28. State police reported taking the person into custody.

At 11:58 a.m., a 209A restraining order was served to a man at Brookside Estates.

Thursday, March 21 - At 6:37 p.m., a 209A restraining order was served to a man on Clark Road.

Friday, March 22 - At 4:52 p.m., a 209A restraining order was served on Maple Avenue.

Saturday, March 23 - At 9:36 p.m., suspicious activity was reported after three cars were seen parked on Bald Hill on High Plain Road. An officer reported, "No problem. They are comet watching."

Sunday, March 24 - At 9:05 a.m., an assault was reported after a domestic problem at a residence on Lowell Street in West Andover.

At 4:33 p.m., an assault was reported on Memorial Circle after a man reportedly spit at a woman.

## ACCIDENTS

Tuesday, March

19 - At 5:44 p.m., a two-car accident was reported near 45 Bartlet St.

Thursday, March 21 - At 7:36 a.m., an accident was reported near 146 Dascomb Road.

At 9:46 a.m., Officer Calvin Metcalf reported something fell off another car on Buttonwood Drive and damaged his cruiser.

Friday, March 22 - At 7:17 a.m., a minor accident was reported in the parking lot at the Greater Lawrence Technical School.

At noon, a minor accident was reported in the lot at Anton's cleaners, 357 N. Main St.

Sunday, March 24 - At 9:33 a.m., a hit-and-run accident involving a parked car was reported near 123 Main St.

Monday, March 25 - At 7:51 p.m., a two-car accident was reported near 200 Lowell St.

## BREAKS

Wednesday, March 20 - At 6:52 p.m., a car window was reported smashed and a radar detector taken in a car break on Bartlet Street.

Thursday, March 21 - At 7:59 a.m., a truck break was

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reported on Argyle Street.

Saturday, March 23 - At 10:23 a.m., an apartment break was reported on Post Office Avenue.

## THEFTS

Sunday, March 24 - At 11:50 a.m., a Shawsheen Road resident reported the possible theft of mail from his mailbox.

At 8:53 p.m., a purse was reported taken from South Church.

## VANDALISM

Tuesday, March 19 - At 1:38 p.m., damage to a vehicle was reported at a

business on Riverside Drive.

At 2:23 p.m., mailbox damage was reported on Acropolis Circle.

Wednesday, March 20 - At 8:14 a.m., a car was reported scratched on both sides while parked at Greater Lawrence Technical School on River Road.

Thursday, March 21 - At 4:39 p.m., a car was reported egged in the Memorial Hall Library parking lot.

## CAR THEFTS

Wednesday, March 20 - At 9:28

a.m., a 1987 Subaru station wagon was reported taken on Salem Street.

Friday, March 22 - At 3:46 a.m., a 1976 Mercedes Benz 450 reported stolen from Lawrence was recovered on Beacon Street.

At 9:19 a.m., a 1984 GMC pickup truck was reported taken on Chandler Circle.

At 9:24 p.m., a pickup truck reported stolen from Methuen was found burning in Sacred Heart Cemetery on Corbett Street. The truck was destroyed.

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by James J. Lyons, Jr. and Bernadette Lyons to Citicorp Homeowners, Inc., dated October 20, 1986 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 2333, Page 69, of which mortgage Citicorp Mortgage, Inc. is the present holder by assignment, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on April 24, 1996, on the mortgaged premises located at 12 High Vale Lane t/k/a 12 High Street, Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

## TO WIT:

A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated in the Ballardvale section of Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, bounded:

NORTHWESTERLY: 100 feet by High Street;

NORTHEASTERLY: 140 feet by land now or formerly of Hayman;

NORTHWESTERLY: 35.20 feet by said Hayman land;

NORTHEASTERLY: In two courses 170 feet and 89/04 feet by land now or formerly of said Hayman;

NORTHWESTERLY: 46.41 feet by said land now or formerly of Hayman;

NORTHEASTERLY: 202.37 feet by land now or formerly of Emmons;

SOUTHEASTERLY: 403.09 feet by land of the Town of Andover;

NORTHWESTERLY: 99.41 feet by land now or formerly of Russell; and

SOUTHWESTERLY: 481.86 feet by said land now or formerly of Russell.

For mortgagors' title see deed recorded with Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 2333, Page 68.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens, or existing encumbrances of record, which are in force and are applicable, created prior to the said mortgage which is being foreclosed whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

## TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Nineteen Thousand (\$19,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at the Law Offices of Mark P. Harmon, 27 Needham Street, P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02161-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT

Essex Division  
Docket No. 94P 1705-EF1  
NOTICE OF FIDUCIARY'S  
ACCOUNT

To all persons interested in the estate of LEONA M. PENDLETON, otherwise known as LEONA PENDLETON, late of West Side Road, Bristol, Lincoln County having estate in Andover in the County of Essex.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the first and final account of PATRICK G. MORAN as Executor (the fiduciary) of the will of said deceased has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Salem on or before the eighth day of April, 1996, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account. If you desire to object to any item of said account, you must in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file with in thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. Rule 5.

Witness, EDWARD J. ROCKETT, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Salem this sixth day of March, 1996.

Jane Brady Strigwolt  
Register of Probate  
From the Offices of:  
Nicholas Forgiione, Esq.  
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12 Essex Street  
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March 28, 1996

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Law of the Watershed Protection Overlay District to reestablish the relief granted previously under Decision #2105.

Premises affected are VACANT LAND WITH FRONTAGE ON LOWELL STREET, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence C District and is shown on Assessor's Map 151 as Lots 6A, 12, 13 & 14 and rights-of-way over lots 7 and 14A.

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**PHOTOGRAPHER/WRITER** to write profiles on area professionals. Call Bob Lowney 475-1943.

# PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following is a list of properties in Andover that sold from March 1 to March 19.

**1** Peter L. Broderick bought 4 Surrey Lane, Lot 25, for \$288,000 from Dominick Silvestri Jr. The mortgage is with First Essex Bank, FSB.

**2** Robert L. McCarthy bought 156 Elm St. for \$246,000 from Alan J. Kirk. The mortgage is with Hunneman Mortgage Corp.

**3** Paul A. Duquette bought 38 Lincoln St., Lot B, for \$215,000 from Elaine Jesuit Sweet. The mortgage is with Interate National Mortgage Corp.

**4** Charles J. Gray bought 3 Shadlow Lane, Lot 5, for \$500,000 from Robert T. Goehrke. The mortgage is with Norwest Mortgage Inc.

**5** Steven W. Prunier bought 16 Balmoral St., Unit 320, for \$54,500 from Thomas R. McGrath. The mortgage is with Drew Mortgage Associates Inc.

**6** Susette C. Deering bought 4 Dartmouth Road, Lot 30, for \$172,900 from Russell D. Quimby. The mortgage is with Norwest Mortgage Inc.

**7** Christopher W. Lathrop bought 21 Topping Road, 2 PCLS, for \$135,000 from Brendan P. Roche. The mortgage is with Ipswich Savings Bank.

**8** Diane Cannata bought 50 Colonial Drive, Unit 50-1, for \$56,900 from Colonial Drive Corp. The mortgage is with GMAC Mortgage Corp of PA.

**9** Mark Akmakjian bought North Main Street, South Broadway, Lot 1, for \$155,900 from

Secretary of Veteran Affairs.

**10** Kenneth P. Doherty bought 3 Timothy Drive, Lot 20A, for \$304,100 from Leon K. Haydon Jr. The mortgage is with Ipswich Savings Bank.

**11** Timothy D. Sullivan bought 52 Gray Road for \$278,125 from Jerome A. Chessler. The mortgage is with Andover Bank.

**12** Thomas J. Daniels bought 4 Hawthorne Circle, Lot 7, for \$247,000 from Mark A. Kovacs. The mortgage is with First Boston Mortgage Corp.

**13** Rose Glasner bought 32 Fosters Pond Road for \$150,566.75 from Judith H. Cavanaugh. The mortgage is with First Essex Bank, FSB.

Source: Essex County Registry of Deeds, Lawrence branch.

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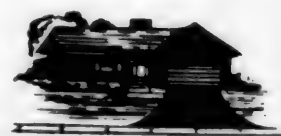
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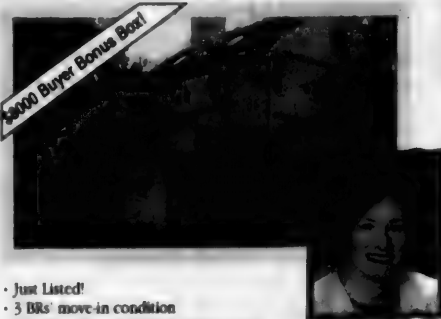
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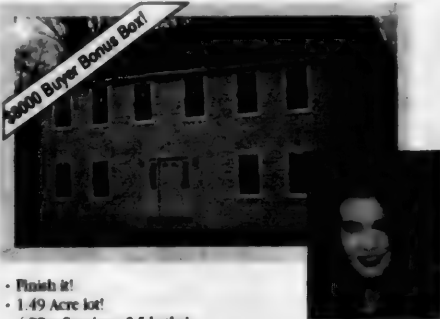
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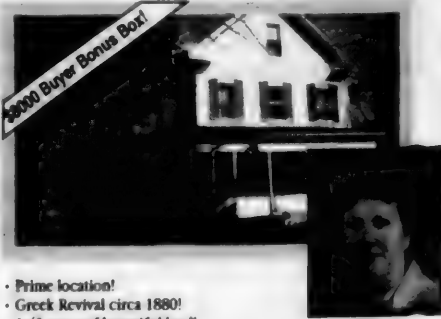
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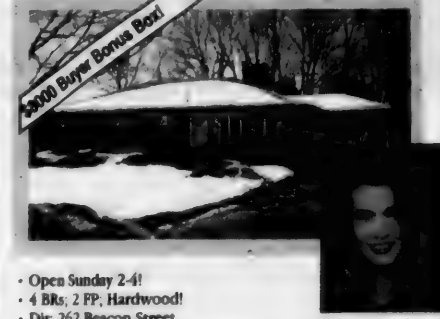
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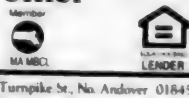
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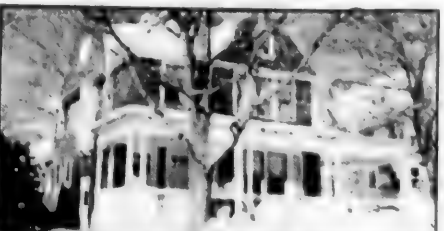
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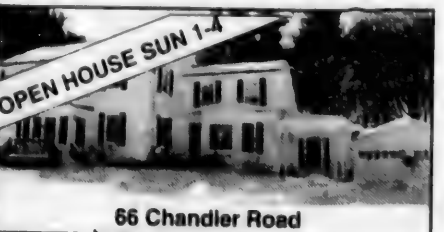
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A COMPLETE REPORT ON THE  
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# Brick by brick: A brief history of the building projects

By Neil Fater

**B**ack in 1994, people were talking about problems in the Andover schools - serious problems.

First of all, school leaders were concerned with space. Parents were already complaining about crowded classrooms and projections were showing student enrollments would continue to rise. In elementary schools such as Sanborn, instructors were even using closet spaces as teaching areas.

There were also maintenance problems. For example, rain water was dripping into classrooms through South Elementary's old roof and Andover High School's inefficient electric heating system was burning thousands of wasteful dollars each year.

So town officials came up with a plan. Their plan didn't affect the middle schools but it did renovate and add space at the elementary and high-school level.

Their \$38.5 million plan included:

- \$26.5 million to renovate the existing building and grounds and add room for 400 new students at Andover High School, including a new science wing, lobby and gym;

- \$8 million to renovate the existing building and grounds at South School and add room for 141 more students; and

- \$4 million to renovate Sanborn School and prepare it for future additions.

Town officials said about \$12 million of this project would pay for building improvements the town would have to make at some point anyway.

They also got word that the state will reimburse Andover for 60 percent of the principle and interest if the projects are built properly.

Andover residents approved \$38.5 million for the projects at both the 1994



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Residents stand for a vote at Andover's 1994 Town Meeting.

Town Meeting and at a May debt exclusion override vote of Proposition 212.

Since then the South project has been virtually completed and widely praised. The Sanborn project is about half finished and is reported to be running smoothly.

But at the High School, people are talking about problems - serious problems.

The problems started before the contractor, Stone-Congress, was even on board. Based on the advice of professional cost estimators, Andover cut \$2.7 million from the project approved at Town Meeting before Stone-Congress was even awarded the job. The School Building Committee chair-

man also says there were problems with the plans the town had on file for the High School site.

The High School contractor says the plans the architect produced were so bad it couldn't build the building with them and has filed a \$1.7 million law suit. Although the project was supposed to be complete in time for the opening of school in September, the contractor also says it won't have the building done until at least April, 1997.

Workers have already gone through the entire \$1.4 million of the original contingency fund, the money set aside to pay for unexpected problems.

Because there have been so many problems, Andover officials will go to

next month's Town Meeting asking for another \$2.43 million to complete the troubled High School project. State officials say they can reimburse Andover for 60 percent of this money, too.

Part of this \$2.43 million will add back some of the items the building committee has cut since 1994 April Town Meeting, but it will not add back everything.

"In this section we hope to give you everything you need to know to go into Town Meeting, April 8 or 9, well-informed to make decisions," said Perry Colmore, Townsman editor.

The index of articles on this page should help readers to locate the articles they want.

## Before and after: How will \$2.43 million affect the project

By Neil Fater

It's time for the meat and potatoes article. What sort of meal will taxpayers get if they spend another \$2.43 million to complete the Andover High School project, and what kind of building will the town have to swallow if Article 23 doesn't pass?

The \$2.43 million in Article 23 includes:

- Nearly \$1,052,000 in contingency funds, money used for unexpected problems. By the time the project is complete, construction officials expect to require more than \$2.7 million in contingency money, almost double the amount they originally thought they'd need.

- Around \$560,000 for "soft costs," including items such as \$103,000 for temporary heat and \$84,527 more for

project management. The soft-cost money contains cash for both already completed work and for the projected cost of expected work.

- More than \$814,000 to put things back into the project and to add one new item.

Building officials want to add \$63,000 for motorized shades to eliminate sunlight glare in the new gymnasium. They also want to restore four items the School Building Committee previously cut from the project to provide contingency money.

This would include money to reconstruct the outdoor track, replace the remaining opening windows, redesign a congregation area for students in front of the building, and replace \$100,000 that was previously eliminated

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# The \$2.43M will come from the budget

By Don Staruk

The \$2.43 million needed to finish the Andover High School construction project will be funded with bonds paid for out of the regular budget over 20 years, not through a Proposition 2½ override, according to Buzz Stapczynski, town manager.

For the owner of a \$235,000 home, the debt service for the \$2.43 million bond will add an average of \$6.04 to his or her real estate taxes for each of the next 20 years.

There were three options available for funding the project, Mr. Stapczynski said in explaining the funding strategy this week.

## Add to debt exemption

The first option would be to include the funding under the original debt exemption approved by voters at the polls on May 17, 1994. That vote followed the April 1994 Town Meeting appropriation of \$40.5 million for all three school construction projects.

The debt exemption allows the town to collect property taxes in excess of the Proposition 2½ levy limit to finance the school projects.

The state Department of Revenue

allows municipalities to come back and, for a specific set of reasons, such as inflation or unforeseen conditions, ask to include an additional amount in the debt exemption. That's why the \$40.5 million was not on the ballot at the polls. The state allows to exempt the debt for the project, but doesn't specify the amount. The question just asked for the bonds to do the job, Mr. Stapczynski said.

## New debt exemption

The second option would be for the town to seek a whole new debt exemption, which would mean going through the Town Meeting for an override vote, then going back to the polls for another approval.

"You'd be doing the same thing," Mr. Stapczynski said.

In any of the three options, the funding for the project would still be eligible for the 60 percent reimbursement from the Department of Education. What the Department of Revenue does or allows really has nothing to do with the Department of Education and the 60 percent reimbursement, Mr. Stapczynski said.

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## Average household would pay \$120.88 over 20 years

By Neil Fater

There used to be a commercial that went something like this: For the price of a cup of coffee per week, you can feed a starving child.

Well, for the price of a cup of coffee per month, townspeople can finish the High School construction project.

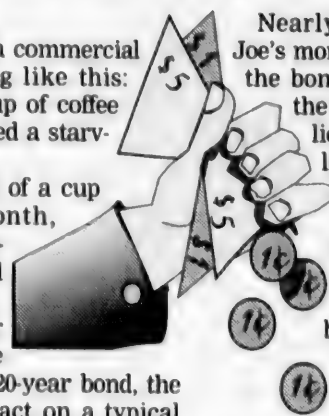
Because Andover expects to pay for the \$2.43 million with a 20-year bond, the average annual impact on a typical family's pocketbook should be about \$6.04, according to Tony Torrisi, finance director.

Over the 20 years of the bond, the average Jane or Joe — someone with a home assessed for around \$235,000 — will pay \$120.88.

Nearly 40 percent of Jane and Joe's money will pay for interest on the bond. Mr. Torrisi estimates the interest on the \$2.43 million will run about \$1.5 million.

These figures for the average homeowner were based on the fiscal year 1996 tax levy, an average single family tax bill of \$3,864, and a residential classification.

For the 1994 Town Meeting, the Finance Committee said the original \$40.5 million for technology upgrades in every school and the building projects at Andover High, South Elementary, and Sanborn Elementary schools would run the average family a high of \$191 for fiscal year 1997.



## Tour the new AHS science wing

The town invites the public to tour the new 26-classroom science wing at Andover High School on the following dates:

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# The need for more space is building: Andover will need still more school space

By Neil Fater

In early 1992, when Andover school leaders were looking at how to add onto the schools, this is what they saw for the year 2000: A system with 2,246 elementary students and 5,310 students system-wide.

Today, school projections add more than 600 students to both those figures.

This seems to show two important points. First, elementary-enrollment projections are not good.

Second, residents willing, we're not yet finished building in Andover.

In fact, school officials are preparing to add space at the elementary- and middle-school levels during the next few years.

Town officials will present a budget at April Town Meeting that includes \$30,000 for a study of the possible ways Andover can add onto its middle schools.

The current construction program added space for 141 elementary students and 400 high school students, but did not add space to the middle schools. One possible solution to middle-school overcrowding, say School Committee members, is to convert into classrooms the second and third floors of the Senior Center/administration building next to Doherty Middle School. This would require the school administration offices to move, but might save the town the cost of renovating an existing school or building a new school.

In addition, one of the key goals of the current Sanborn Elementary construction project is to prepare that

school for relatively less-expensive additions down the road.

When will Andover need to add onto Sanborn?

"It's a little difficult to predict because of the uncertainty of the elementary numbers," said Dick Neal, superintendent of schools. "You're dealing with unknowns; you don't have the kids in the school system."

"I would say probably within the next five to eight years there will be a need for an addition at the elementary (level), if not sooner."

Mr. Neal also said the elementary numbers seem to be leveling off now after several years of substantial growth.

## Predictions are an inexact science

The enrollment projections for the past few years bear out Mr. Neal's statement regarding how difficult it can be to accurately project elementary enrollment.

Although only two years separate them, even the projections used during the 1993-1994 school year - the year Town Meeting approved the construction projects - differ substantially from this year's projections.

"I know that the last two or three years we've adjusted considerably" and made projections more accurate, said Mr. Neal.

In comparison to the elementary numbers, the middle-school and High-School figures based on the students actually in the school system have required less adjustment.

Not including Andover students in

## Projected numbers used during 1993-1994 school year •

School Year	Elementary (grades K-5)	Middle School (grades 6-8)	High School (grades 9-12)	Total (K-12)
1992-1993	2,573	1,183	1,250	5,006
1993-1994	2,603	1,231	1,293	5,127
1994-1995	2,604	1,287	1,361	5,252
1995-1996	2,548	1,381	1,396	5,325
1996-1997	2,496	1,430	1,441	5,367
1997-1998	2,447	1,468	1,494	5,409
1998-1999	2,444	1,433	1,569	5,446
1999-2000	2,454	1,409	1,655	5,518

• NOTE: Estimates were made January, 1992, by Frank Paul, former schools business manager.

## Actual and projected figures used this school year (1995-1996)

School Year	Elementary (grades K-5)	Middle School (grades 6-8)	High School (grades 9-12)	Total (K-12)
1992-1993	2,561	1,161	1,265	5,027
1993-1994	2,658	1,200	1,260	5,149
1994-1995	2,722	1,268	1,268	5,291
1995-1996	2,791	1,325	1,308	5,465
1996-1997*	2,810	1,382	1,339	5,571
1997-1998*	2,876	1,444	1,388	5,741
1998-1999*	2,895	1,472	1,470	5,870
1999-2000*	2,909	1,522	1,540	6,004

\* Most recent projections

the early childhood program, there are currently 2,791 elementary students, 1,325 middle-school students and 1,308 High-School students.

This year's projections say middle school students will outnumber High School students until the 1999-2000 school year.

## \$2.43M from the budget

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### Regular debt service

The third option would be to include the funding in the town's regular debt service for non-exempt debt.

"And that's the option I have decided to go with on this," Mr. Stapczynski said.

The project will still be funded with 20-year bonds, but the debt service will be paid out of the debt service in the budget.

"It will be within the limits of (Proposition) 2," Mr. Stapczynski said.

Without this debt, the town's debt service was to drop an average of \$285,000 the next three years. This additional bond debt will add about \$258,000 in debt service the first year, with the impact decreasing each year after that.

The decreased debt service could have been used to lower taxes or to fund any number of projects, such as new playing fields, to boost the schools budget or to build excess levy capacity, Mr. Stapczynski said. But, if the \$2.43 million is approved at Town Meeting, this is how it will

be spent, Mr. Stapczynski said.

He talked to members of the Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen, School Committee and School Building Committee, and feels that this is the best way to proceed, Mr. Stapczynski said.

He also said he feels the \$2.43 million figure is "pretty solid" at this point as far as what is needed to finish the project is concerned, and should not change again before Town Meeting.

The town's debt service is \$2.45 million this year, fiscal 1996, and increases to \$2.7 million next year due to the start of the school bond payments. Without the bonding for this \$2.43 million, the debt service was scheduled to drop to \$2.39 million in fiscal 1998, to \$2.11 million in fiscal 1999, and to \$1.85 million in the year 2000.

This article would add about \$70,000 to the debt service for fiscal 1998, and \$258,000 in fiscal 1999. The debt service for this additional funding would then decrease by about \$7,000 a year for the next 18 years.

## State willing to reimburse Andover at 60 percent

By Neil Fater

It's not money in the bank, but the state has put its financial commitment in writing.

The state's willing to reimburse Andover 60 percent of the money that Andover residents approve to complete the Andover High School construction project, says a letter from Jim Anderson, of the Department of Education. There is a cap of about \$29.3 million on what the state will reimburse.

This reimbursable amount would more than cover the principal and interest on both the original \$26.5 million approved at the 1994 April Town Meeting and the additional \$2.43 million the town is seeking this year - provided Town Meeting votes to spend this extra money.

The \$29.3 million figure is calculated by the state according to how many square feet workers renovate and add to a building.

The additional \$2.43 million must meet the same requirements as the original \$26.5 million to receive state reimbursement. When the project is finished, a state auditor will check to see that the

completed job fulfills the educational specifications created by the state and Andover School Committee. If it does, the state will reimburse Andover for 60 percent of the principal and interest of the project.

Because Andover will not reach the reimbursement limit even if the \$2.43 million is approved, there is some possibility other items could be submitted for state reimbursement as well.

Buzz Stapczynski, town manager, said it's possible he'll submit for reimbursement work relating to the project that's been done by Andover's public works and maintenance staff.

### Selling point

Guaranteeing that Andover would receive 60 percent reimbursement for the principal and interest of the project cost was one of the key reasons officials wanted the construction project approved at the 1994 Town Meeting. Architects and town officials said they believed the state Legislature might vote to stop reimbursing interest payments after that year.

"This plan cannot be deferred without

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# Sports fans will soon see new AHS gym

By Neil Fater

**I**t wasn't a thundering dunk, moon-shot home run, or dazzling dismount, but when Dick Bourdelais and Jim Hurley saw it they exchanged an impassioned high five. Workers were pouring the floor for the new Andover High School gym.

"We're very anxious," Mr. Hurley said last week, laughing out loud at the understatement, "anxious to get back to normal."

Mr. Hurley, athletic director, and Mr. Bourdelais, physical education coordinator, are just two of the many teachers, administrators and Andover High staff members who have been dealing with the hassles of a multi-million dollar construction project. But because the contractor says the new gymnasium will be complete in June, they'll be among the first to fully experience the benefits of the finished job.

"I think it's going to be the best facility, with the financial limitations we all have, that we can do," said Mr. Hurley. "We're excited about looking at it down the road. I'm talking about the fields and everything. All the things (the town) is talking about - places for kids to go at night - why can't they go there?"

But while Mr. Bourdelais said they've tried to remain positive about the construction project, there must have been times when it seemed as



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

This photo of the new gym was taken this week.

though no one would ever go there. Although the new gym and locker areas were supposed to be ready by Dec. 15, the contractor has continually moved back the completion date.

In part because of these changes, Mr. Hurley and his coaches have juggled the schedules of 57 teams, finding places for them to play, change and practice.

"Everybody's been tremendously adaptable and they haven't gotten the credit they deserve," said Mr. Hurley. "We really haven't missed a beat in terms of our competitiveness."

As for the physical education program this year, it's been less physical and had more education. Mr. Bourdelais and the physical-education staff created an information-based program

that teaches fitness and wellness issues to students meeting in the Collins Center.

"Is it the typical physical education as we always knew it? Of course not," said Mr. Bourdelais. "To be very honest, the students have been super. Physical education, in their minds, is not sitting in a seat in the Collins Center, but they've been great for their part. The staff says that all the time."

Meanwhile, School Committee members and the superintendent have been saying that Mr. Bourdelais and Mr. Hurley should be lauded for their hands-on approach to the building project.

How involved are they? They have both a videotape called "Mondo Rubber" about the new material the indoor track is made of, and the latest architects' drawings of the new gymnasium.

They have already gone through five or six versions of how the gym will look, they said, and they compliment the architects for their cooperativeness.

"We're the users. We feel we know what makes it functional," said Mr. Bourdelais. "So it takes a lot of time and review to double check the architects' drawings and dimensions."

One of the most important checks the two provided was to make sure all the different lined courts in the gym will be the proper size according to

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# AHS building contract contains default clauses, but the town has chosen not to use them right now

By Nell Fater

Andover has the ability to declare Stone-Congress, the Andover High School contractor, in default of its contract. If it wanted to, it could withhold money (besides the typical amount for retainage) for damages that it believes are the contractor's fault. Yet Andover has decided not to do this.

Why? The *Townsmen* talked with town officials to learn the answer to that question.

"We are protected by the contract. We have certain remedies and rights in the contract that we know we can elect to put forth and to exercise, or for very legitimate reasons, elect not to," said Jim Marsh, School Building Committee chairman. "When you talk in terms of contract language, you typically talk in terms of rights and obligations and because you have the right to do something, that doesn't obligate you to do something - it just gives you the right to exercise that."

But why isn't the town using the remedies it has?

"We have town counsel, that is why we have him. We have a town manager, that is why we have him," said Mr. Marsh and they discuss such issues in private or executive sessions.

"We have an architect working with us on all this. I think it is a trade-off issue," said Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. "We are entitled to penalties and damages. Now, do you motivate with a penalty or do you claim a damage?"

So Andover will try to collect money from the contractor at the end of the project?

"Well, at some point in time, yes. This is generally again. There is a whole balancing act that you go into with regard to thinking about how you motivate someone. Do you motivate them with a penalty? I don't know. It seems to me perhaps (that's) not motivational," said Mr. Stapczynski. "In talking to the executive secretary in Mashpee (where Stone, one-half of the Andover's Stone-Congress, is the contractor), they have not assessed a penalty. There is no money, they have not withheld a penny from the Stone Building Company in Mashpee."

But Mashpee has declared Stone in default of its contract. Even though Andover is seeking \$2.43 million to finish the job and the contractor is saying the school won't be ready for another eight months than is stated in the original contract, Andover has not done this.

The Mashpee contract also differs from Andover's contract because it has a liquidated damages clause. This allows Mashpee to collect a certain amount of money for every day the project is late, assuming Mashpee proves the delay is the contractor's fault.

But according to Tom Urbelis, Andover town counsel, Andover's contract has a phrase that makes Andover's ability to collect money for damages stronger than if it had a liquidated damages clause. Mr. Urbelis also

**Town officials have been reluctant to talk about the contract and often prefer a "no comment" regarding contract issues because Stone-Congress, the contractor, has sued architects and the town for \$1.7 million.**

said, in some cases, a liquidated damages clause can prevent a town from collecting damages above the specified amount per day, or any money at all if the amount is judged to be too severe.

Michael Parsons, building committee member, said the town has chosen to work with the contractor as much as possible.

"The School Building Committee, in its relationship with the contractor (has gone) as far as a partnering session, an attempt to be pro-active, to keep a positive on-going relationship. Buzz (Stapczynski) has been in personal contact with the contractor and the contractor's owners individually. There is a relationship. There has been communication," said Mr. Parsons. "What would the town's benefit be by taking out a club at this particular point, of wielding a club over the contractor, versus trying to work with the contractor?"

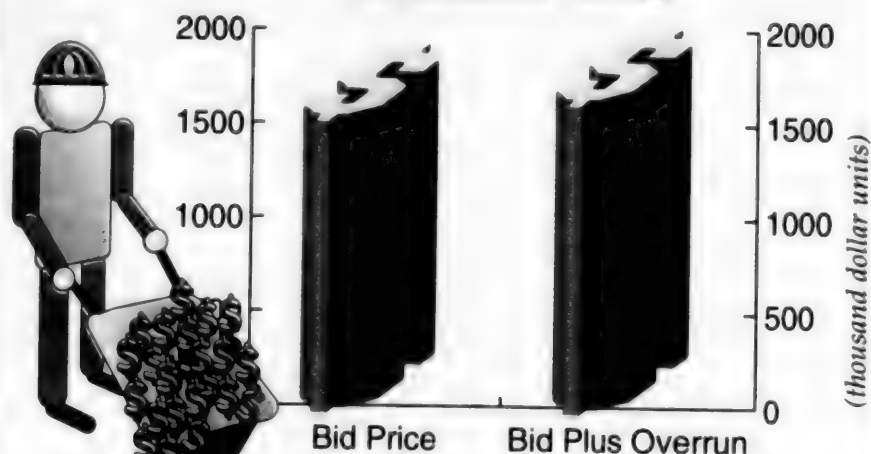
But one of the worries people have is that if something isn't done now a court might not think the town has a legitimate complaint.

"My answer to that question is that there are better people than you and (me) to answer that question, and those people are answering that question," said Mr. Marsh. "This is not only our town counsel involved in this, it is the architects' counsel as well (and the architects' counsel) deals in this sort of thing every single day."

Town officials have been reluctant to talk about the contract and often prefer a "no comment" regarding contract issues because Stone-Congress, the contractor, has sued architects and the town for \$1.7 million. Shortly after Stone-Congress filed its suit, Tom Silva, senior project manager for Stone-Congress, said, "There are so many errors in the contract documents, particularly in the area of work phasing, that the project should be redesigned and re-phased at this point in order to complete it. The school cannot be built using the contract documents we were given when the project was awarded."

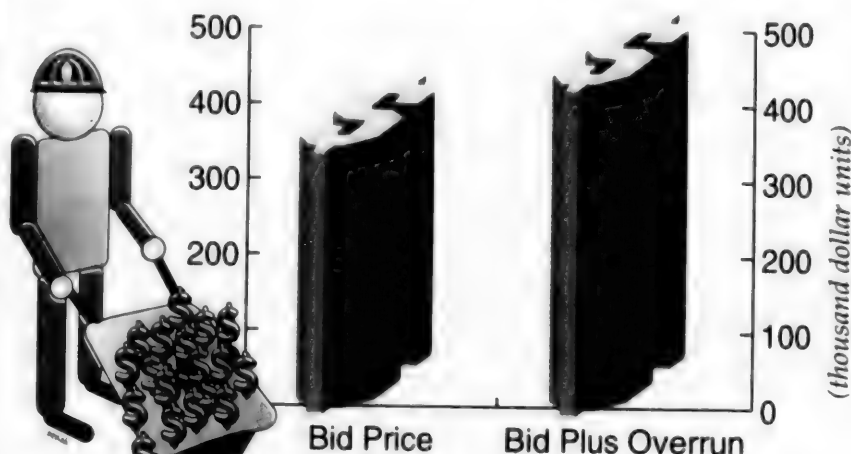
Ultimately, Andover filed a suit against the architect, too. Tom Urbelis, town counsel, claimed the purpose of this suit was just to protect the town in case a court rules in favor of Stone-Congress.

## Architect Costs



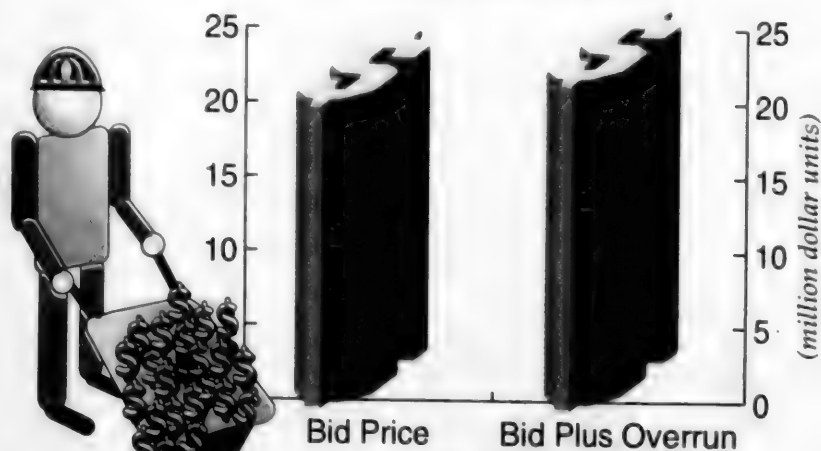
Earl R. Flansburgh, the AHS architect, was slated to make \$1,550,000. Officials project the architects will make \$91,474 extra.

## Consultant Costs



Mead Consulting, the town's project manager, was originally slated to make \$345,000 for the AHS project. Officials project by the end of the project Mead will make \$84,527 extra.

## Contractor Costs



Stone - Congress, the AHS contractor, was originally slated to be paid \$20,226,000 for the project. As of mid-March he had made \$1,511,734 extra.

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league rules.

"When you're going to lay down a 30,000-foot track that also has (out-lined areas for) volleyball, tennis, a long jump pit, you want them put down once and put down the right way," said Mr. Hurley. "Otherwise, it's going to cost a fortune to redo it.

"Both of us live here. We're both taxpayers," he said. "It's kind of a labor of love a little bit because we want to see it done the right way."

"We want to go out there 10 years from now and see people using it, kids

using it, and say, 'Boy, it was worthwhile,'" said Mr. Bourdelais.

Because they were involved with changing the architects' original plans, Mr. Hurley and Mr. Bourdelais were asked if they believe the architects' plans were troubled when the project began. The contractor has sued the architects and the town for \$1.7 million, claiming the building could not be built with the original plans they received.

But Mr. Bourdelais and Mr. Hurley said the contractor's suit has nothing to do with the area on which they've been working.

"Their original plan was fine," contended Mr. Bourdelais, who said the suggested changes just made the gym a little safer and easier to use.

"You won't find it tremendously different than it was in the beginning," said Mr. Hurley. "There's been a lot of controversy surrounding the project. I just hope the public understands that this is something we can be proud of."

The public might also be interested to know that just days after the high five celebrating the pouring of the new floor, that floor was once again back on Jim Hurley's mind.

"I just got back from three days at an athletic directors' convention and I can't wait to go over and take a look at it," he said Friday. Soon he was visiting the High School and walking through nearly every area of the new and renovated facility.

Standing on the concrete floor in the new gym, Dick Bourdelais watched his partner inspect the facility.

"It's a little thing but it makes you feel good after (seeing) all the dirt and noise," he explained. "What you have to do is close your eyes and imagine this filled with people."

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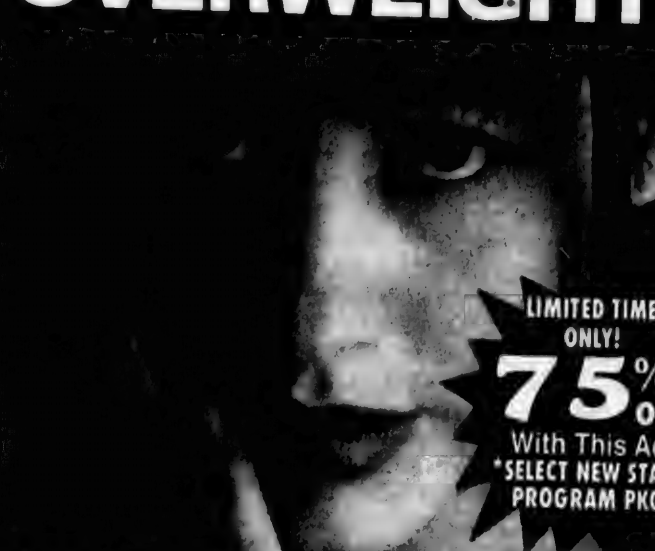
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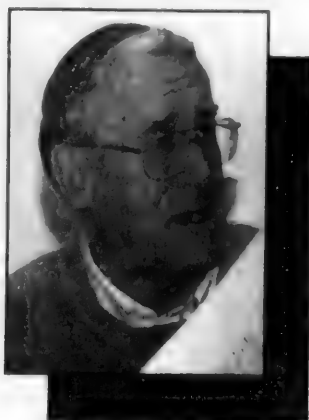
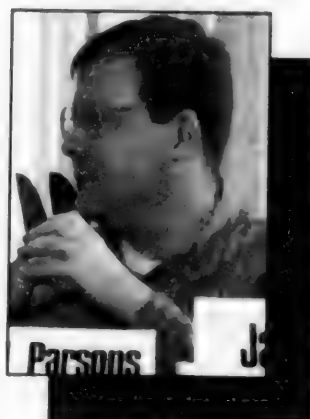
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## The Forum: Key players discuss the AHS building project

The Townsmen hosted a forum Saturday, March 16, of town and building officials associated with the Andover High School building project. Those attending were Perry Colmore, Townsmen editor; Neil Fater, Townsmen reporter; David Birnbach, School Committee member; Buzz Stapczynski, town manager; Larry Larsen, selectmen chairman; Richard Neal, superintendent of schools; Barry Finegold, selectman; James Marsh, chairman of the School Building Committee; Michael Parsons, School Building Committee member; and David Croteau, architect. Invited but unable to attend were Tom Silva, contractor's project manager; School Committee members Susan Dalton, Lloyd Willey and Dick Muller; Sharman Lappin, project manager; Vincent Chiozzi, former member School Building Committee; and Selectman Gerald Silverman.

The forum was videotaped and then transcribed onto paper. What follows is the transcript. It was edited for length only.

**Perry Colmore:** Our goal here is to get a tape that will answer a lot of questions so that we can put out a special section before Town Meeting, so that our readers will have everything in

one package that they need to know. Neil (Fater) and I have some specific questions to ask you but I anticipate that people will have things to say about what someone else is saying. I would like to have you go ahead and jump in when you need to because our goal is to get the best information here.

**QUESTION:** To start, I ask you to say if there is something that you would like to know about the project, that you would like to maybe ask people here about the project, or if there is something that you think the public doesn't know about the project that you would like the public to know.

**Michael Parsons:** The scope of the AHS project is just so large that to take a look at it as an entirety, is a very difficult thing to do. The quality of the product at the AHS, the facility is close to completion, which is the science wing, is just so nice. It is so good looking, and something we can all be so proud of. The problem is we're not concentrating at all on the other two projects, which is the South School project and the Sanborn School project, which are going along at a wonderful pace.

The Sanborn School project is 47 percent complete. The Sanborn School Project is 99.9 percent complete and it was brought in on budget. It was well done; it is a good facility. It is a place that we should be very proud of as a community. I wish that point would get across because what we hear from those citizens that I talk to, what I hear from my friends and neighbors is, "Is it as bad as it sounds? I think the simple response is, no, it's not as bad as it sounds. The project is moving along relatively well. Are there difficulties that we're facing? Yes, but even in building a house, you face some degree of difficulty, and this is a 300,000 square foot building that is housing 1,400 students at the current time. It is not new construction, it is not as simple as building a building and then moving an industrial site in. We have to be concerned about the needs for children; we need to be concerned about the need for safety of the residents, and the facility continues to be used.

**Perry Colmore:** Thank you. I probably should have put a time limit on this.

**David Croteau:** Well I would just like to emphasize the goal of this project in terms of where we started and

where we're going to end up. You were on a tour just yesterday and saw some of the additions, and might allude to this but at the beginning of the project there were many things that were critical items, that the town wanted to see at the High School. A few of those are a new heating system, additional windows, state-of-the-art science laboratory space, additional physical education facility, and this project is delivering all those. The science labs, as you saw the other day, square footage-wise each lab is one-and-a-half times the size of the science lab that we have now. One wall of the science labs are windows, and there is going to be much more light, etc., in this new building. A new gymnasium which is about nearly twice the size of the gymnasium that is there now. So, the goals of the project, I think, are being met. We have run into some difficulties, but in the end, we are going to end up with the project, I think, meeting the goals that we set out to meet.

**Barry Finegold:** There is a whole host of issues and comments, I also toured the science wing yesterday and I didn't think I was in high school, I thought I was in college. I was very impressed with that. But, I obviously

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# The Forum

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have concerns. I have been echoing those about how are we going to manage with what's going on with all the construction in the High School, with the students. But I happened to attend in place of Dr. Larsen, *The Boston Globe* had a group of people from the town of Brookline, from Attleboro, and we all talked about our construction projects and we all basically are having problems with them. So the thing that is going on in Andover is going on elsewhere, and I think when all is said and done with it, we really need to look at the system of how we have the public bidding for state contracts and how this operation works.

**David Birnbach:** I wasn't living here at the time when a lot of the sessions were going on about what to build where and what needed to be overhauled. In the discussions that I am having with individual members of the building committee and people in the construction industry is that the project is extremely complex. We are dealing with a very diverse body, the building committee, who have spent tons of hours trying to get through some very difficult hurdles. I think we're just looking at it with a very big magnifying glass now because it is a lot of money. It is a very big project, of concern to many people in the community. As a result, items that get discussed tend to have fragmentation that gets blown out in many different directions. The public bidding process, which the town manager has certain restrictions and confines, that lead to making certain choices of contractors and the assumption is there that, I will be honest, I would never want to be in his position, because he is ultimately, Buzz is ultimately accountable, yet Buzz didn't have necessarily the freedom to make decisions to go with a little more expensive of a bid up front that would have led to maybe more accurately set expectations along the way.

**Buzz Stapczynski:** First, thank you very much for having the forum; I think it shows the *Townsmen's* willingness to get out there and deal with the nitty gritty issues that are facing the community. Much of what I would say has been echoed by 10 other people in the sense that this is a \$26.5 million project, one of the largest, if not the largest, in the commonwealth; public bidding-wise, and probably private-wise, one of the largest construction projects ever undertaken in the town whether it be a Hewlett-Packard or Raytheon or Gillette, whatever, it is big by public or private standards and it is complicated because we're dealing with renovated space, we're dealing with some new construction. It is a complicated job from start to finish - tight site, wetlands, etc., we could go on. I think that really needs to be understood by the public. When I look at new construction or new schools that have been built lately, it is almost a luxury to be able to say sure go ahead, the vacant land, put one up. It is

not home free, but once you deal with the site conditions, the ledge or whatever, you may find buried under ground, you have a different environment than we're into now.

**Larry Larsen:** First of all, I think focusing on the HS, that is what people are going to be mainly concerned about. Principally because of article?

**Buzz Stapczynski:** 23.

**Larry Larsen:** Article 23, which is the additional money we are going to be asked to vote on to complete the project in a manner of which we can all be proud. Most of what I feel has already been said and I really don't want to sound like I'm whining, because I have a real thing about the craft of whining, which I think has grown to be big deal in our society. There are a lot of issues where you're absolutely hog-tied with respect to construction of public buildings. And, the cost of this high school is roughly \$145 per sf. There is no industry that couldn't build a much cheaper building probably of the same quality. Once you start to build a school building you subject yourself to a bevy of codes, investigation, regulations, rules, that boggle the mind. The second thing that happens is the fact that you have no choice over who you will select to be

your builder, if that builder makes a bid and that's the low bid, that's the one you have to take. And, you also are given by the state a list of those who are eligible for that process. Quite candidly, as the project was going along, at one point, I suspected that there would be an overrun of about \$4 million or more. The \$2.4 million is not an unexpected amount; it happened in the CTS construction in Methuen; I don't know what happened in Lawrence with respect to the Arlington Street School or the new school. I would wager that in any major construction, certainly if there is remodeling, there will be an overrun. I think that the overrun is a

reasonable amount. I have to trust people. Principally it's the building committee. They get criticized, constantly, over one thing or another, but the fact of the matter is, this committee has paid with thousands of hours of their blood and life to present this project to us, and I've got to tell you this, if you walked in that High School, it is second to none, and the only time I have seen anything equal to those science labs was when I toured Genetics Institute. In my opinion, we ought to be plenty proud.

**Richard Neal:** I guess rather than focus on some of the things that other people have said, although I do want to certainly say that from a school standpoint... the science people have been into the science lab area, and they are chomping at the bit. They can't wait. I have to say too, at this point in time, obviously, we all would like to think that it would be finished when it was supposed to be originally scheduled. The thing is do we understand that there are things that get in the way and that can't happen, but that is OK, because you look to the end. You can't keep focusing on today and each day individually. You've got to look at what the end product is going to be. ...I guess what I would like to suggest is that one of the things that you hear in the community a lot is that the board is not working right or the building committee and the School Committee, or whoever it is, and I think that, I have to say that the responsiveness to school issues, from the architects, for example, there are weekly meetings at the High School. Every issue that comes up is attended to in a responsive fashion. Phasing changes have come about because of issues that the High School has brought forward and I think that that is very positive because the people



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Ellen Parker, Andover High School principal; architect David Croteau; Dick Neal, superintendent of schools; and Tom Urbelis, town counsel, pause during the March walk-through of AHS.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Wider hallways at AHS will accommodate more students - and more backpacks. The hallways in the new science wing are about one and a half times wider than the existing hallways.

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in the building can see things perhaps differently than other people do. I think the boards, while there may be some disagreements from time to time, I don't think that should always be thought of as a negative because what it really says is that everybody is doing their homework, and everybody is watching this, and everybody wants this thing at the end. Where there is disagreements, it's over how we're going to get to the end, or what that end should look like, but I think that is a point that sometimes gets lost in this whole thing too... Building is an extremely important thing that is happening, but it is only one part of a total restructuring that is going to be going on at the HS. We have a five-year grant that the HS has received to restructure totally the way business is done at the High School, whether it be scheduling, whether it be how students are grouped together, how instruction is delivered. All these things are being worked on at the same time. So this is part of a total restructuring at the High School. We're not just going to have a new physical plant; we're going to have a new high school when we get done.

**James Marsh:** Well thank you for having us here. I think it is nice that everybody is given the opportunity. Certainly, it's a very difficult process and we knew it was going to be that way when we went in. We knew that it is not the ideal way to bid a job, but that's what you're up against in this state. You are dealt some cards and you play that hand as best you can. I think what I would like to get out to people is that, and we're just starting to see the fruits of everybody's labor, with the science wing. People don't even, we talk to people recently, they don't even know what is back there. There is a 42,000-sq-foot facility that is as big as Sanborn School, that is as big as the original South School, is back there, and nobody knows it is back there. I am very excited about having things in a very short term, the science wing in another month or so, the new gym, the new lobby, and while we're going to wait a little bit longer for the remainder of the school, it is going to be done, you know, in a year or less than a year, or whenever that time is and we will march forward and look back and say, how lucky we are to have what we have. What we have tried to do in the Building Committee... not only are we trying to keep people together from the committees, to keep things positive and heading in the direction between the architect and the contractor, but we're dealing with all the different town agencies, the DPW, the town elections, the sports athletics, and things like that. Yes, we're going to have to compromise as we go forward, we've compromised to get to the point we're at right now. We are going to have kids that are disrupted. That is a huge concern of ours. We looked at portable classrooms, and we have looked at moving them offsite. But I think we have held that down to a min-

imum. In answering Mr. (Tom) Meyer's (head of the teachers union) concerns the other evening, the big thing that I know of two situations that have cropped up where (town health director) Everett Penney has had to come out to the school in well over a year's worth of construction. On any given day, (there are) 1,500 people there. So we are going to have those problems. We're going to have more fumes and this thing and that thing, as we go forward.

**QUESTION:** What we want to try to get at is if the project was rushed, that is the overall question. I guess the first one is did the architects have to start with less than complete documents, and we're just trying to find out how rushed the beginning of the project was.

**David Croteau:** First, dealing with the project: I would say the beginning of the project was not rushed, and in fact, during the course of the design of the project we had two cost estimators reviewing the documents that were prepared. At the completion of the project, we had me consulting with another consultant for the town, a project manager, who viewed the documents. I believe when we went out to bid, that the documents were complete. So there was sufficient time to prepare the documents for bid. One issue which is now an issue was relative to the project budget. As you know, we were hired in November and needed to prepare a cost estimate for a warrant article that be before your town in April. That needed to be in to the town in January. To develop that we met with the state and with the school and at that time, had established a scope of the project that we were going to add about 62,000 sf to the project and renovate about 200,000 sf. From January through April, the scope of the project increased by about 28,000 sf. We are now adding about 90,000 sf to the project and renovating 200,000 sf. What that means is the state has specific reimbursement rates and allowable square footage. The initial budget was based upon the state's reimbursement rate at that time was 52,000 sq ft. And that is how we arrived at the \$26.5 million. Two things happened between when we arrived at that number and when the project finally went out to bid. First, is that the reimbursement rate increased because the state periodically increases the reimbursement rate per square foot. Secondly, the square footage increased. So, a project of this size, the state will grant, in fact, this project in particular, the state believes the project should cost about \$29.5 million, not \$26.5 million. So, as the town is aware, we have constantly been cutting bits out of the project in order to stay within that \$26.5 million number. That number is substantially below what the state sees as a typical cost of a project of this size.

**David Croteau:** What we did in our review of the documents of the project is that we went through the buildings and essentially photographed every room. Every room that we were going to renovate, and created sort of a photo



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

The windows and colors in the new 26-room science wing make it "brighter, even on a real dark day," Superintendent Dick Neal said during a recent tour.

record of the places that we could get into. Our contract does not require that we do as-built drawings or investigate the space that we don't have access to. We need to rely on the information that was supplied to us. Once we began to renovate the building, we found that there were some conditions which could not be, which were not reflected in the documents that we had available to us. The committee has recently authorized us to do some investigative work and we discovered that plumbing lines, specific lines near the kitchen, are about six feet from where the drawings indicate where they were. There are some additional duct work that was concealed in masonry walls and we are looking at doing some selective demolition to try to uncover those. So, we have run into some hidden conditions that aren't reflected in the documents that we have. Now, that is, quite honestly, not uncommon. It is rare that we have documents, that anybody would have documents that would reflect

every single condition that you could expect.

**Perry Colmore:** Does that mean, excuse me, but, does that mean that the documents are inaccurate or you don't have all the documents?

**David Croteau:** The documents that we have are the documents that were prepared by earlier architects. In architecting construction, things come up where things are going to change or systems are going to be revised or over the course of time, at the High School, walls have been changed or remodeled by the in-school maintenance, and that has not been documented. No one has gone back to the plans and documented that. So, it is not that the documents that were prepared, which these documents were prepared in 1967. There were also renovations done in the HS when the Collins Center was constructed. So there are changes that have happened over the past 30 years that you would not expect would be documented

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back on the original volume, etc. But that is one of the reasons we carry a contingency in the project, that we need to expect that we're going to run into some of those issues.

**Neil Fater:** Well, some people had a concern at the selectman's meeting. Jerry Silverman brought up the issue of well, he still thinks there are probably some documents out there...Do you agree with that?

**James Marsh:** I just want to add, because I don't think everybody fully understands, there is a difference between a contract drawing and an as-built drawing. Contract drawing is what we have from the architect. The architect sits down, draws them and that's what we have, is the contract drawing. As he makes a change on that drawing, he puts a bubble around that area. But that is a record drawing that goes out. Those things are kept and they're compiled. At the end of the job, we have the original contract drawings plus any changes that they authorized. That is the contract set.

An as-built set is what the contractor takes, and he is responsible for small, and even, to some degree, greater changes, dimensional changes and things like that. His responsibility is to note that and at the end of the job have a record set of drawings of all those little changes that are different than the contract drawings. We don't have that set of as-built drawings from the High School. OK. So we have the contract set, so what is supposed to have been put in, that wasn't or was changed, we don't have a record of. So that is the difference between a contract drawing and as-built drawing. And we have run into complications.

So when Jerry says, as-built, he is not talking as-built, he is talking about an architect friend of his who was involved in this project that perhaps has the contract set of drawings. We have those.

**Perry Colmore:** So we pursued what Jerry said?

**Buzz Stapczynski:** Yes, in fact I talked to Dick Bowen, town manager at the time, and he indicated that the clerk of the works still lives in Andover, so he was going to see the gentleman and ask him if he had anything. The gentleman didn't have anything on the Andover High School in his files; he had something on the Bancroft School, which he brought over, and we have added to our files in Municipal Maintenance.

**David Croteau:** I would just like to emphasize too that there are still issues. For example, there have been issues we have run into that have been secondary, like water lines, electrical work. And, that is work that quite honestly has happened over the past 30 years. So even if as-built documents were ready at, were completed in 1967, there would still be, it would have to be quite an exhaustive effort I think, made to constantly updating them, every time there was a change.

**James Marsh:** I might, from being in the industry, just make a quick comment. I would agree with David. I have been involved in hundreds of jobs, there is no perfect set of plans. There is not anywhere near a perfect set of plans. Are some contract documents better than others? Yes. Are some contract documents within one's own firm better than others? Absolutely.

**David Croteau:** I would like to say, too, as I mentioned before, this set of drawings were reviewed by two cost estimators and consultant. In the course of review, those are not consultants hired by us.

**Neil Fater:** Wasn't one of them?

**David Croteau:** One of the cost estimators was, and one cost estimator was hired to oversee that by the town, and another, Mead Consulting, was hired independent with us. So none of those consultants saw an issue with the drawings, so that the drawings are complete.

**James Marsh:** Let me just correct that. They did see some things when they looked at it and we made those changes.

**David Croteau:** Correct.

**James Marsh:** So it is not like they looked at them and said they were all set. They went through them and we added all those, we made a lot of changes.

**Michael Parsons:** One last thing, Larry said earlier, about cost. The cost of the construction, \$145 a sf, remember we are not just building bricks and mortar. There are books, there are lab materials, there are desks, there are chairs, there is technology. We are not delivering an empty classroom, bare walls. We are delivering a classroom with desks, with chairs, with technology, fully outfitted, in a turnkey situation, ready to go. So that while the \$145 per sf sounds very very high per sf, that is a fully outfitted facility, up and ready to go.

**Buzz Stapczynski:** I think that has been upped now. \$151.

**James Marsh:** What the state allowed us was they brought that up by 4 percent so we were getting \$151.79 per sf; that is how you get up to the \$29.3 million.

**Larry Larsen:** It is turnkey and I do appreciate that. But if you as a private citizen start to build even an outfitted building, and you own the land, \$151 per sf would choke a horse. But still, I think that the process, the whole process of building a public school building is expensive.

**David Croteau:** You're absolutely right. We have done projects in New Hampshire, which run at about half the cost, as similar quality projects in Massachusetts. But New Hampshire does not have (same) rules and regulation.

**Larry Larsen:** It's a bombfield in Massachusetts.

**David Croteau:** It is. It adds a substantial amount of money to the cost of a project and it also means that each of the general contractors that bids the job is only going to be awarded a job if they come in low. So, the state rates them based on their past experience because previous owners review the contractors for the state. So, once they meet the minimal qualifications for the state, you simply cannot drive out a contractor. So the contractors have very little incentive to put any cushion in their bids, unforeseen conditions, or in case something goes awry, because they don't really need to worry about that. Secondly, the subcontractors, because we have a file Sub-Bid rule, there are 14 subcontractors on this job. The subcontractors which are bidding for the general contractors, are doing the same thing because they are public bids and the subcontractors have nothing in their bids at all for anything unforeseen. OK, because they know

they can either go after it, and they know the only way they're going to get the bid is to come in low.

The third thing about the law is that the general contractor does not get to select the subcontractors because his bid is based on the lowest bid, so he is at a severe disadvantage if he doesn't take the subcontractor who got the lowest bid. So we have subcontractors on this job, and this is not uncommon, this happens on many many jobs, that the contractor would prefer not working with and has not worked with before. So what you don't have which you ought to have in the private sector is a general contractor who has a stable of subcontractors, that he works with religiously. The relationship, even if they don't develop relationships, they know who is responsible for what, etc. In this situation, you have subcontractors, general contractors who have cut their bids to the bone, have never worked with each other before, and the situation is very adversarial. It sets up the situation which is that they are very aggressive, with these types of issues, you are talking about are things that would not be issues on many private jobs because the contractor would never have tolerated that.

**James Marsh:** They look at the drawings, in the private sector, not as risks, they look at it as opportunities. I will just add that the state doesn't like this process. You talk to the people at DCPO and you talk to, and I have had these discussions with ex-deputy commissioners of DCPO. They don't like it but there are very strong lobbying groups out there that are the advocates of the different associations that lobby very hard for this. The subcontractors like this because it prevents the bid shopping, and if I have a low bid, I am going to get that job. So that is what you're up against.

**Buzz Stapczynski:** The other issue we get into is the prevailing wage that you wouldn't have in New Hampshire for instance. So that drives the cost up and it sets up a whole bureaucracy, it turns us into policemen. So a good part of Mike McCormick's time is reviewing and filing the weekly or monthly payroll documents.

**Buzz Stapczynski:** He has to take them, review them, file them and then he prepares for an audit by the Department of Labor to make sure that people are getting paid and God forbid a couple of laborers put in a claim, then there is a whole process we have to go through to fill out the files to show them and whatnot. One of the things that didn't get mentioned with regard to file sub-bid is the time on our side. Griffin Electric, by all accounts, they are doing a good job on the site from what I understand, but their relationship with Stone Congress is adversarial. So they're bird-dogging Stone Congress. They asked us for information that would fill this table and as we all know public information, (you have) 10 days, that sort of thing. So we stopped what we were doing several months ago. Sharmin, I don't know if Mike got involved, but I know (secretary to the town manager) Sandy Casano spent days pulling all these docu-

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Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski listens to a question asked by Townsman Editor Perry Colmore during the March walk-through of the new science wing at Andover High School.



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ments together for them. I am not sure what the final cost was, but it was a good couple of boxes worth of material that they wanted from us that they could double check what what Stone Congress was telling them or paying them. I'm not sure where this is going, but, so there is a lot of distrust. I am not saying on the job, but at least in the central offices, that causes us to spin our wheels genuinely and ... get involved.

**QUESTION: I would like to know what we're going to do if Town Meeting turns this down.**

**Michael Parsons:** I only have 30 days left on the committee!  
(laughter)

**Buzz Stapczynski:** Let me start it off. If we're turned down, then we go to our list of items to be added back and we see that the track would be very vulnerable; let's go over restorations ... we figure would be off the list and forgotten because these are things that were originally taken out. It would be, for instance, a shame, on the windows, to bring back a window contractor two to three years down the line when there is shrubbery, site improvements and whatnot that they would have to be crawling all over to put in new windows. So this list is going to be vulnerable.

**Neil Fater:** But it is not going to happen. You can't add-back those things, if you haven't put out the money for it.

**Buzz Stapczynski:** It could be added, in different ways. If you remember back when the track was cut out, in August 1994, I was developing the CIP fiscal 95 at that point, participating in the meetings I said you know I can't in good conscience put a CIP together without putting the track in. So I added the track in...

**Perry Colmore:** So it's in two places.

**Buzz Stapczynski:** Well the track was in the CIP with the contingency that if it wasn't added back in a process like this, it is going to happen sooner or later.

**Neil Fater:** That's an important question then, because from what I understand, from these discussions before, you added something in the CIP within the next year, you can still get 60 percent from the state possibly.

**Buzz Stapczynski:** Yes from the time when the school is "finished," they'll give us about a year.

**Neil Fater:** Why not do all these, to me, even if the \$2.43 million was approved, to do these things, and there are still other things down the road you want to do, you want to add some more technology, or however much it is, even if it is \$100,000, if you do it in the next year, as opposed to just two years away, you get that 60 percent within that year if I understand it.

**James Marsh:** Bear in mind however, that the state will reimburse this project up, this is why we got the letter

from Jim Anderson, because he asked us, do you want me to give you a letter because at the time we were at \$2.5, for \$2.5, or do you want me to give you a letter for the \$2.83. We said we want you to give a letter for the \$2.83 so we don't have to come back. So even though the track can be put back in, we still, the state has a spending, won't allow a spending limit of 2.8. So we can't add a couple million dollars.

**Neil Fater:** That is not what I am saying. There is another \$400,000.

**James Marsh:** There is another \$400,000 there.

**Neil Fater:** Which would be a nice piece of technology or whatever.

**James Marsh:** Yeah, but we're, the town is going to have to make those decisions. We are not going to.

**Neil Fater:** I understand that.

**David Croteau:** That is not quite right, Neil, just to clarify this. Right now the state will only reimburse the project for the amount the town has committed to the project, which is \$26.5 million. The state, without the town authorizing the additional funds for the project, will not reimburse beyond the \$23.5 million. So, you can't, if the track was \$300,000, beyond the \$26.5 million, and the town was not authorized to spend up to \$29.5 million...

**Neil Fater:** But that can be covered with the CIP program, right?

**David Croteau:** No, no. The town must vote that those funds are for the school project, and then the state will match those funds, will reimburse those funds. Right now the state is committed to \$26.5 million because the town has committed to the project \$26.5 million.

**David Birnbach:** As an example, if the town turns down the preparations for the remaining building at the High School, but then approves a CIP budget for a track, the state would not reimburse 60 percent for that track.

**Neil Fater:** I understood that if this gets defeated at Town Meeting, we make cuts from furniture and equipment, from technology. Hopefully we can get them back from the CIP budget.

**Richard Neal:** That is a good idea but I have a differing view. Let me propose this and get other people's responses to it. If at a subsequent town meeting within a year, let's say, the town says they'll, whether it's in the CIP or however it is produced by the town, then items that specifically identified for the school, High School building project, and the town authorizes that, then I believe that that would be reimbursed.

**James Marsh:** I would tend to agree with you Dick, but I think you would have to do the letter writing and get...

**Richard Neal:** Let me just give you the example that leads me to that conclusion and that Jim Anderson of the Department of Education used as the example, OK? His example was that when that High School opens next year, after it's completed next year, we're building that High School for 1,700 students. But we won't have 1,700 students in the school at that time. If we furnish the building right now for the number of students that we have there, but within the next year provide the furnishings for the other 300 or

whatever number of students it would take to get up to 1,700, that would be reimbursable by the sState. However, the town would have to authorize that money.

**James Marsh:** That is correct.

**Richard Neal:** That is why at the Town Meeting it would have to be specifically identified for that purpose.

**James Marsh:** It may be that when the, I don't know what year you had the track in the CIP but using that as an example, it may be that we just have to word it differently or qualify that money that is in the CIP that specifically is going for the school building project.

**Buzz Stapczynski:** I will check with Jim on Monday morning, but it is my understanding that again, if you finish the project within a year, that anything that is added in, and again, you can add other things in, whether it is (inaudible) for the High School, as it falls within the now the \$29.3 million, if that is what we get it approved on, no matter whether it comes out of the DPW budget, for additional paving, or municipal maintenance for additional site work, or the CIP, warrant article for a track or windows, or whatever. But as long as it is within the original scope, they would cover. I will reconfirm that with him.

**Larry Larsen:** There is another point I want to stress, and that is that this project is going to require a two-thirds vote at Town Meeting, and that is not going to be a simple affair, and I would say to anyone who cares about this, who feels strongly that these things should be done and we should do them, they really have to exercise their option, they have to be there. I do hope that people who care about that will be as vigorous as they have been in terms of the music program.

**Barry Finegold:** I need clarification, why is it two-thirds?

**Larry Larsen:** Bonding, bonding is always two-thirds.

**QUESTION: Why are we having a gym in which there are no bleachers?**

**David Croteau:** There are a number of reasons. One of the requirements that the school wanted was a one-eighth-mile running track. And that is what is dictating the dimensions of the building. In order to get bleachers outside of that dimension, we would have to add substantial square footage. We made a choice that what is critical is to have a one-eighth-mile track. Additionally, speaking with the athletic department, from very early on, they considered having an elevated track, that was going to serve as the viewing area, which was another 7,500 sq ft, (inaudible) that would have added even more cost because you would have had to elevate the structure and was deleted to keep the cost down. The phys ed group said well usually in track meets we'll stand in the center, and that is where the spectators will be, in the center of the track.

**Neil Fater:** You're saying now that somewhere in this furniture and equipment there will be \$12,000 for portable

bleachers.

**Perry Colmore:** So it would be okay to bring them in?

**David Croteau:** Yes, oh yes.

**Neil Fater:** They can be set up in the middle of the track?

**David Croteau:** You could put them on the track. Right on it.

**James Marsh:** I have the same concerns, where I walk into that school at least once a week, I walk into the gym and I look around and I have the same feeling but it was a decision that was made for a very, we thought, a very valid reason. The other thing that I will probably, more off the record.

**Perry Colmore:** No such thing here.

**James Marsh:** I can see someday, we have talked about this, maybe it is rose-colored glasses, but I can see at some point in time, 100 years from now, a swimming pool. We put that, we designed that new gymnasium and we located onto that school, such that at a future point in time, will accommodate something to the rear of that, who knows what it might be. Athletic programs, school programs change. Maybe it's more classrooms. But there is something that can be added to the rear of that. It is designed to accept that. At that point in time, you could have a spectator area, that would view both ways. As much of a pie in the sky idea as that might be, at least it was thrown out on the table, not that we made the decision for that...

**Larry Larsen:** You realize the article is going to read that we're already planning...

**James Marsh:** Off the record.

**Perry Colmore:** I said we don't have that here. Everybody heard me say that and so did the machine that is recording it.

**Buzz Stapczynski:** The other thing that is important about this facility is when we have Town Meetings, right now we are looking at the Dunn Gymnasium for the Annual Town Meeting and to do that we have to bring in chairs and...

**Perry Colmore:** This coming April you mean?

**Buzz Stapczynski:** Yes, we have to bring in a tarp and that sort of thing. By using the field house, the new gym, for our town meetings, we don't have to bring in a tarp. We will have access for probably well over 2,000, we can fit 2,000 in Dunn Gym.

**James Marsh:** We have always used the number of 4,000. You could put 4,000 in (the new gym), which means by the way, that you no longer have to rent the Volpe Rink up at Merrimack College...

**Perry Colmore:** Or PA.

**James Marsh:** Which also means that people can now rent this facility from us. So there is a huge benefit to having this.



# Scheduling problem: Contractor wants more time

By Neil Fater

This is not news most residents will want to hear. But Jim Marsh, School Building Committee chairman, told the School Committee recently his guess is the contractor will still be working on the project at next year's graduation.

Referring to Stone-Congress, the Andover High School contractor, Mr. Marsh said it's possible "By the time they're out of there, it's going to be the end of the (1996-1997) school year."

That seems a safe bet considering the contractor has repeatedly changed the date it says it will complete aspects of the High School project. Currently, Stone-Congress says it won't finish the entire job until April 1997. The original contract said the project should be complete Aug. 16, 1996, so people could move furniture before the opening of school.

While the architects and the town agree the contractor is entitled to some additional time than was in the original schedule, they are nowhere near the contractor's dates.

As of Monday, the town was still saying the project should be finished by Oct. 7, 1996. Sharman Lappin, the town's hired project manager, said the architects and Mead Consulting were re-evaluating those dates this week. There was a meeting scheduled for the architects to discuss the new dates with the town last night, Wednesday.

Why is there such a discrepancy in the scheduling?

Tom Silva, project manager for Stone-Congress, said his company

needs the extra time because the architects have made so many changes to the original plan.

"We have \$1.5 million worth of changes and also, not just the changes, but we have (adjustments) to the contract documents," he said.

But officials such as Ms. Lappin say they believe the contractor is adding one delay onto another rather than looking into what activities can be done simultaneously.

"It depends on what the change is. Some of them can be done concurrently and some of them cannot," said Mr. Silva.

Mr. Silva said the architects' changes also have meant there hasn't been time to estimate project costs so the contractor is paid according to how many hours people work and the cost of materials.

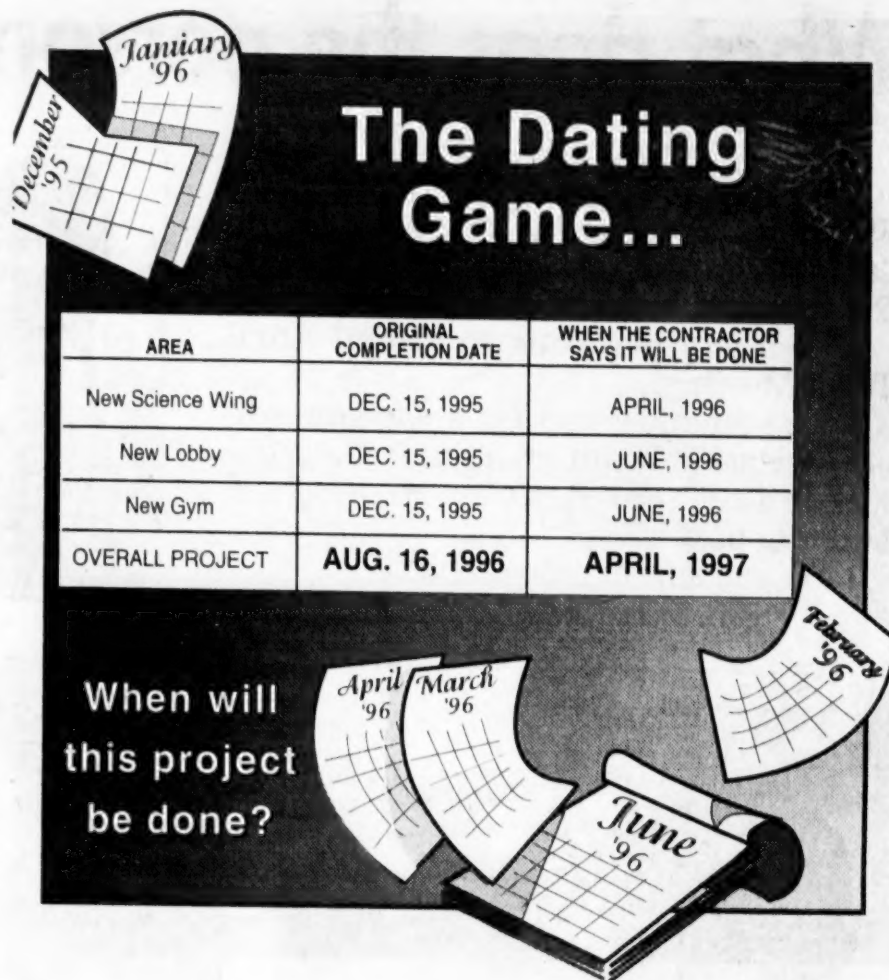
"About half of the changes run on time and materials and that's not typical," said Mr. Silva.

Does Stone-Congress admit to doing anything wrong during this project?

"We signed the contract," joked Mr. Silva. "That's about it."

On the good-news front, one of the recent changes to the High School plan may actually help to take some time and expense out of the project. The School Building Committee voted to eliminate a tunnel and stair case through the middle of the school. Students would have used the stairs to get from the cafeteria to the second floor of classrooms.

Everyone involved with the project acknowledged that workers digging



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into the existing building to create these stairs were likely to run into problems. Eliminating these stairs reduces the scope of the project and

should save the town some money, according to architects.

School leaders were also worried about monitoring the tunnel area.

## What's been cut, what Article 23 adds back

By Neil Fater

When the School Building Committee decided not to fix the outdoor track at Andover High School, it saved \$180,000. Now that the committee wants to add back the track reconstruction item, it's saying it will cost \$268,500.

While this seems ridiculous on the surface, building committee members say there's a logical explanation – and it's not called inflation.

When the track item was eliminated, the Andover High project had not yet gone out to bid. So the \$180,000 figure was only an estimate. The \$268,500 figure includes the cost of the track reconstruction plus \$23,500 for general requirements, \$35,000 for contingency funds and \$30,000 for design and engineering fees.

Reconstructing the outdoor track is one of five items officials want to restore to the project as part of Town Meeting Article 23. A plan to replace the old High School windows also features a substantial increase in list price for similar reasons.

Other scope items are \$63,000 for gymnasium shades, \$120,000 to create an area for students to gather outside the cafeteria, and \$100,000 to replace money cut from the furniture and equipment budget.

### Add-backs just some of cuts

As part of the presentation to town boards regarding the \$2.43 million warrant article, Jim Marsh, chairman of the building committee, and Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski showed a list of cuts with a value of \$1,048,000. The items were called "Items cut from project to maintain \$26.5 million budget."

"A lot of people think we've cut millions upon millions," Mr. Stapczynski said in January while talking about the list to a reporter.

In fact, millions have been cut from the project that residents approved at Town Meeting in 1994. However, most of the cuts came before a shovel ever broke the ground.

Before Andover sent the project out to bid to general contractors, the architects put together \$2.7 million in "cost savings" to reduce the cost of the project. Not all of these items could accurately be categorized as cuts, but many of them were.

There were other cuts as well. For instance, more than \$300,000 was taken out of the money for furniture and equipment in August 1994.

Within these cuts are items – such as providing as many as 90 televisions to High School classrooms instead of the 30 currently in the plan – that some edu-

Partial List of Cuts Circulated by Town Officials

ITEM	DATE OF CUT	ESTIMATED VALUE OF CUT
• Exterior running track	August 1994	\$180,000
• Asbestos abatement	October 1994	\$250,000
• New windows	October 1994	\$115,000
• Ornamental metal	October 1994	\$10,000
• Furniture and equipment	May 1994	\$100,000
• Computers	May 1994	\$100,000
• Additional bleachers	October 1994	\$35,000
• Fire shutters	October 1994	\$30,000
• Skylights at library	July 1994	\$40,000
• Collins Center Security System	November 1995	\$5,000
• Vented transformers	November 1995	\$20,000
• Ledge disposal	November 1995	\$18,000
• Third elevator	November 1995	\$80,000
• Casework at team tech.	November 1995	\$10,000
• Lower field grades	November 1995	\$20,000
• Redesign entry plaza	November 1995	\$55,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,048,000</b>

cators at the school would like to see back in the project.

But at a forum last weekend, David Birnbach, School Committee member, said he trusted the building committee had made the proper decisions after talking with all of those affected by the project.

Dick Neal, superintendent of schools, said school officials and the building committee have worked together to decide which items should be cut and which should be added again.

"At the school house these discussions have gone on. They're saying, 'Well, wait a minute now, we might like to have more than 30 TVs,'" said Mr. Neal.

"Maybe they're looking at some other things and saying, 'Maybe we can make do with something else that we have instead of divert that money back and forth.' I don't know, but I do know that there are discussions continually doing on (regarding) the furniture and equipment budget up at the High School."

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# A random sampling: What does the person on the street think?

The *Townsmen* was on Main Street last Friday, March 22, asking Andover residents about the school building project. The questions were:

1. Are you planning to attend April Town Meeting?

2. Do you know there is a warrant article that asks for an additional \$2.43 million to finish the Andover High School building project?

3. Do you support the proposal?



**Jane Ingram**

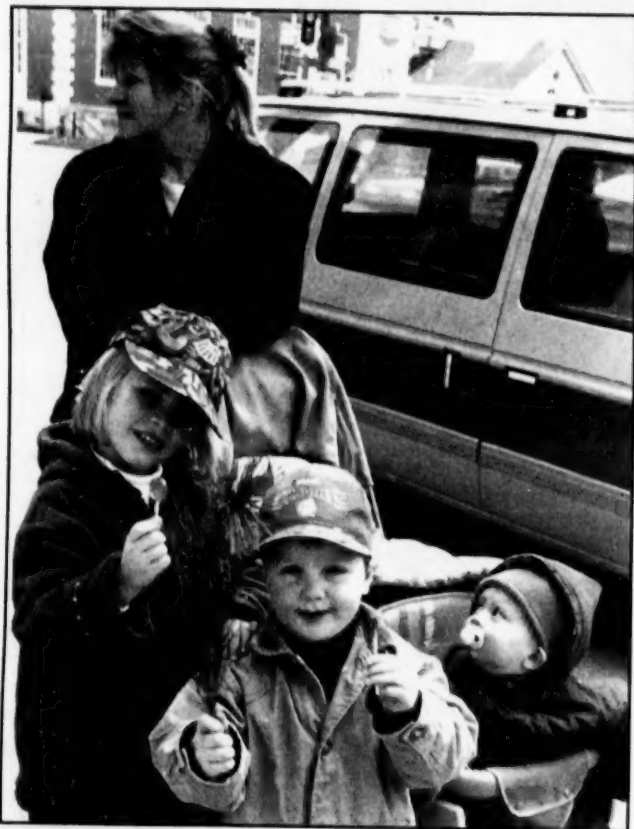
17 Oriole Drive  
Two children

1. "I'm going to vote on Monday." She's not sure if she'll attend Town Meeting.

2. Yes.

3. "I think we need to spend the money. I have a 5-year-old and a 3-year-old and I think we need to invest in their future."

"I'm very concerned about the technology component and that it be done with the proper long-term view. It's a great investment to finish it properly."



**Taylor Simpson**

99 Elm St.

1990 AHS graduate; not a homeowner; two children, Conner, 3½, and Shayne, 2 months.

1. No.

2. No.

3. Not up on the issues and too busy to attend the meeting.



**Leslie Frost**

31 Lowell St.

1. Yes.

2. Yes.

3. "No." Because I feel we overrode Proposition 2½ to give them money to do this project and I did vote for that." But she feels there has either been mismanagement or whatever that has somehow "frittered away that money."

"The goal was certainly not achieved, with large cost overruns."

She doesn't know what she recommends.

"Somehow this has to be solved within a budget, not adding another \$2.43 million. Throwing money at this may not be the solution."

**Melissa Burke**

Dascomb Road  
Three children;  
homeowner.

1. Yes.

2. Yes.

3. "Yes. I do." She guesses it's not good money management to do so, but hopes it will get the job done, and she hopes that future practices will be more conservative.



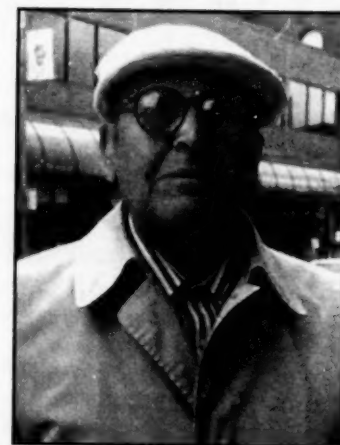
**Joseph Cardella**

250 N. Main St.  
Resident since 1941; condominium owner.

1. "I hope to."

2. Yes.

3. "I think so, yes. I think we ought to have the schools in proper condition. It's too bad they got in this mess."



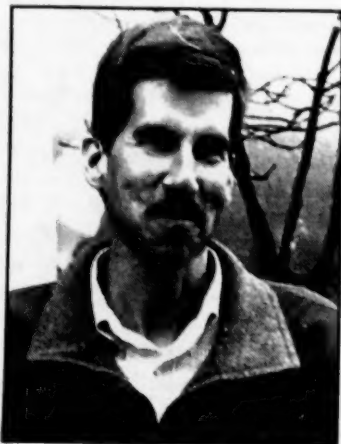
**Peter Richmond**

10 Hemlock Road  
AHS graduate; homeowner.

1. No.

2. Yes.

3. "It's a waste of money. I don't think they should put any more money into the project. Enough is enough."



**Nancy Stolberg**

Cheever Circle

1. Yes.

2. Yes.

3. "I'm going to go and listen to all the sides. My inclination is to support it."

**Paul Collins**

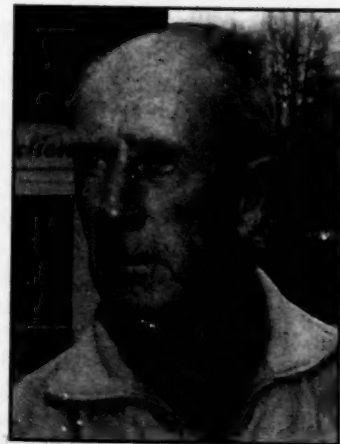
131 Elm St.  
Five children went through Andover schools.

Owned the former Morrissey Taxi on Park Street since 1937; now retired.

1. Will be out of town.

2. Yes.

3. "No. They shouldn't. They should tighten their belt. Especially the schools and other departments along with it."





# What does the person on the street think?



**Joyce Flanagan**

Greybirch Road  
Two children in the schools.

1. Yes.
2. Yes.
3. "I'm confused about it to be honest with you."

Too much has been written back and forth - she is not sure how it got so confusing. She voted for it once already, at the 1994 Town Meeting.

She doesn't know if she will support it, but said she no longer trusts town officials on it.

"I'm concerned that we get our kids the best that we can."

She moved here for the schools and is not impressed with the education her kids are getting. Her son, Brian, is a junior at AHS and feels his education has been negatively affected by the disruption the building project has caused in the school. She also has a daughter at West Middle School.



**Amanda McCormack**

Dundas Avenue  
Senior at AHS  
Not a voter.  
3. "Yes," spend it.

**Jessica Derby**

Center Street  
Senior at AHS

Not a voter.

3. "If they're going to try to make the improvements, they have to go all the way, not just stop in the middle of it."

**Christina Andrews**

28 Marland St.  
Senior at AHS  
Not a voter.

3. "Yes. It's really important for them to support the Andover school system."

**Marianne Karp**

10 Eastman Road  
No children in school.

1. Possibly not, but her husband may.

2. She's heard her husband discuss it.

3. "I think it's a lot of money to do such a thing to finish the school."



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## Mortar vs. mortarboards: How is construction affecting education?

By Neil Fater

Because workers will be renovating the old Andover High School building for much of next year, a key concern for parents, students and teachers is how this construction work will affect the students' education.

"Everything is sort of speculative" regarding next year, said Ellen Parker, interim Andover High School principal. "Right now there's been very little impact. It's been pretty good."

Ms. Parker said construction hasn't affected students "on a day-to-day basis because most of the work is not done in the building (yet). If and when they come in, it might be different."

When workers begin renovating classrooms, however, Ms. Parker said she hope to have a "buffer zone" of empty classrooms to help isolate students from the noise of renovation. Teachers also said they hope the administration will leave a few classrooms in the new science wing empty so teachers will have somewhere they can move a disrupted class.

"We're all willing to say as teachers we support the building project," said Tom Meyers, teachers union president. "Finishing the project and providing a quality learning experience is something teachers embrace. At the same time, we're teachers and we have students in front of us every day. Learning has to take place."

Yet, at times the smells and noise of construction this year "have made it impossible to provide instruction," said Mr. Meyers. "It's hard to teach in the cafeteria."

"There are a lot of every-day things that have gone on. We've been acting as though we're not in a school under construction," said Josephine Goldin, English teacher. "We've carried on and the attitude has been pretty positive, except when there's been undue noise."

But there have been problems and Mr. Meyers said if the administration and construction officials can't work together to correct them then the teachers will make their concerns public.

"We have had situations where we've had interruptions in the classroom," said David Klayman, social studies teacher. "Our concern is just that those issues do happen and we're interested in reducing them. I don't think we're being unreasonable."

"A lot of people have complained. A lot of people have come to me from the math department, from the social studies department," said Mr. Meyers. "We can control the environment to the extent that there are certain things we're not going to tolerate."

There have been some extreme examples such as the time diesel fumes caused people to get nauseous and the health inspector to pay a visit. Jackhammering has also been disruptive,

said teachers.

One of the reoccurring problems is that the contractor has not kept up a tarp-like material that is supposed to seal off the existing building from the new under-construction science wing, said Mr. Meyers. As a result, particle dust and fumes have come into the building, he said.

During a recent Townsman visit to the High School during school hours, the material that's supposed to be up between the new wing and the social studies hallway was not.

"I'm not sure what the issues were," said Tom Silva, the contractor's project manager when asked about the material. "It came down a couple of times. I don't know who's taking it off, whether it is subcontractors, the students or a janitor."

Because of their proximity to the new construction this year, the math and science departments have experienced the worst of the problems.

"When I'm teaching in my normal class, which is in the English section of the building, the disruption has been minimal. But when I'm teaching in the social studies room it's difficult to (run) the lesson," said Ms. Goldin.

Katherine Horne, social studies teacher, said the noise at times has caused her to turn a discussion into a "work at your desk kind of thing." She also wonders if construction has affected

teacher absenteeism.

"I feel sure it's been true of a case of my absenteeism," she said.

Teachers doubted it has caused students to miss school because students are only in that area for one or two classes, whereas a teacher is in the same spot all day.

For their part, the administration meets every Monday with the town's clerk of the works to review what will happen that week. At times, they have stopped workers from jackhammering and they're looking at ways to avoid problems down the road. Educators are hoping to move the noisiest work to after-school hours.

"Clearly education is important to the town. You're spending a tremendous amount of money to run the schools," said Mr. Meyers, who agrees with Ms. Parker - that the effects of construction are not felt daily. "We could go along for six weeks with no interference and then have five days where it's just hell."

"My teachers have been very focused, my students have been very focused and, short of some of the disruption, things have been going pretty smoothly," said Ms. Parker. "Our job is educating the students, theirs is building the building, and we're trying to mesh the two."

"Sometimes it takes time to iron things out, but no one has given us a standoffish approach."



# Officials praise new science wing at Andover High

## Science department head disappointed with lack of new equipment

By Neil Fater

Workers won't be finished with the new science wing until a week or two after Town Meeting and the facility is already receiving praise from nearly every quarter. Yet, while the head of the Andover High School science department is pleased with the building and its new technology, he calls the lack of new equipment "second class."

"Cutting the equipment to go in is really a second-class move to my way of thinking, but I realize the town" had to make cuts, said Robert King, science department head. "It's basically going to be a pretty version of what we have now, giving us the space (state requirements and increased enrollments say) we need."

The new science wing is a 26-room addition that gives Andover High space for 1,700 students. There are nine science labs, seven science classrooms, a computer lab, and nine classrooms for other subjects. The science wing was built in the back of the existing school and creates a courtyard

between itself and the old building.

Selectman Barry Finegold said when he walked into the new wing he thought he was in a college rather than a high school.

Even on a day with thick fog, the classrooms facing the courtyard are notably bright and cheery. "One of the things about the original school was its dullness and drabness," said David Croteau, architect.

The architects have a resident artist who selected all of the colors in the new wing, he said.

"It's going to be beautiful," Mr. King said of the building. "The only misgiving I have is that it's not going to be equipped."

Mr. King said some of the materials used by students are 15 to 25 years old and could use replacement.

"We're taking the equipment from the old building and we're adding some to it," he said. "It looks like we're going to get the technology we need and the new structure is beautiful, but the equipment budget is (too low).

**Selectman Barry Finegold said when he walked into the new wing he thought he was in a college rather than a high school.**

"The structure itself is first class but the equipment will not be first class," he said. "I'm both very happy and a little sad."

The science classrooms will have

four to six computers each, marker boards and a motion sensor to turn off lights when no one is in the room. Mr. Croteau said the new science labs are about one and three-quarters times the size of the old labs.

The computers will help students gather more data and have a fuller mathematical experience during their labs, said Mr. King.

"It's a big plus. I'm very excited about that," he said. "I'm thrilled with having the computers even though we are not going to be updating the (equipment). I'm not sure that there was ever enough equipment money put in the new wing."

## Reimburse at 60 percent

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serious consequences," a pamphlet distributed by the schools said at the time. "By not submitting this plan to the Department of Education by June

1, 1994, Andover could lose millions of dollars in state reimbursements."

As it turned out, the Legislature did continue the then-existing reimbursement structure for another year.

## Before and after: How will \$2.43 million affect the project

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from the furniture and equipment account.

### No more money

It is less clear what will happen to the project if Town Meeting does not approve the extra money. The School Building Committee planned to discuss this matter last night, Wednesday.

"It would be painful, but we would look to (reduce) every place, every possible area where there's money available," said Buzz Stapczynski, town manager. "It would involve some deeper cuts than we have made already just to get us to this point."

Town leaders agree the School Building Committee, School Committee and school officials need to decide which items are untouchable and which they'll have to slash.

Building committee members have said they will have to eliminate most of the furniture and equipment budget and also may need to cut from the technology upgrades in order to give the project the necessary contingency funds. "Those are definitely areas we are going to have to tap into in some shape and form," said Susan Jenkins, building committee member. "The School Committee would have to get involved in changing the (technology) educational specifications."

Mr. Stapczynski said he would also consider cutting the money for project management.

Ms. Jenkins used the example of what could happen to the outdoor track if the \$2.43 million is not approved. Workers will have to reconstruct the track soon if the High School is going to have a spring track program, she said.

If Town Meeting doesn't approve the money, "It must be added back by the town at some point without a 60 percent partner," she said. "If we added it back after the program is finished, we would have to pay the full freight. Is that good fiscal management? I would say no."

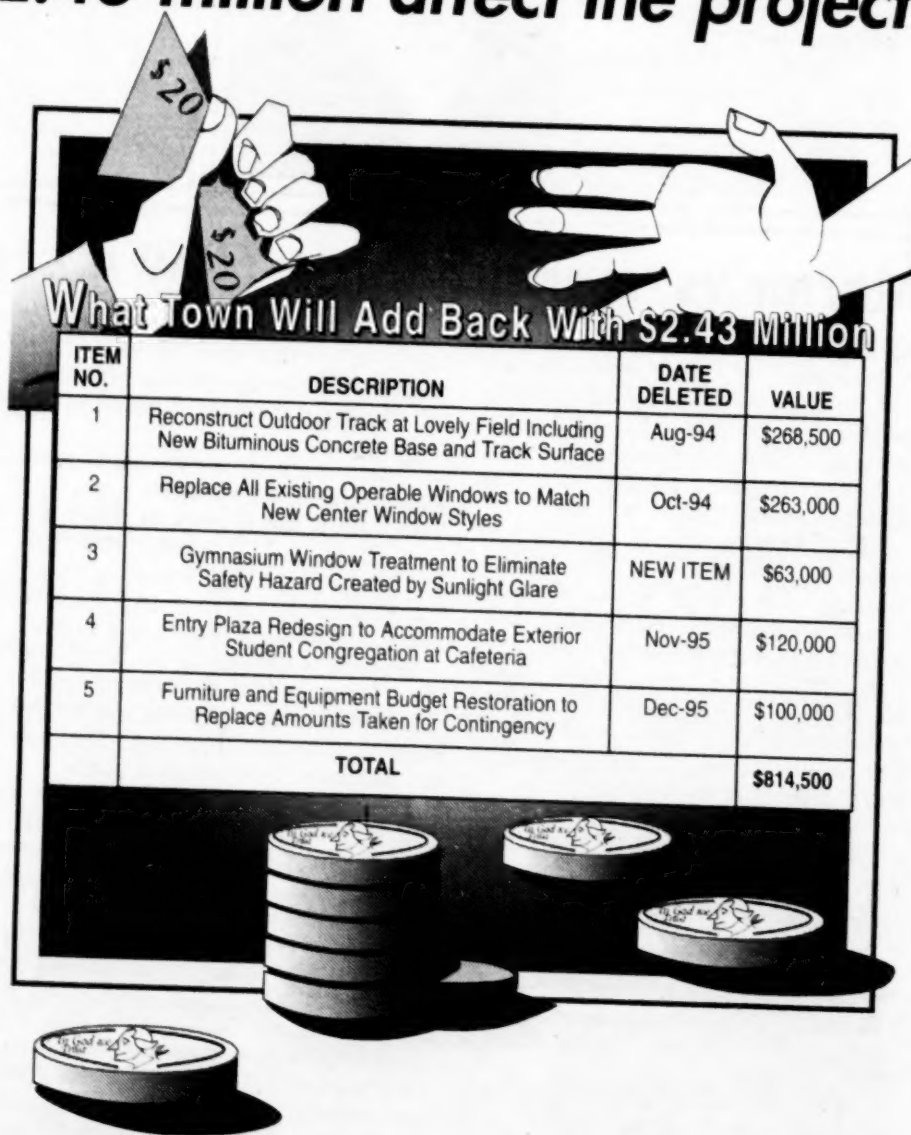
The town has one year after construction is completed to add things to the High School and still be eligible for 60 percent reimbursement on those items, said town officials. But if the items are not added back within one year, then Andover will pay the entire cost.

Dick Neal, superintendent, offered one example of what Andover can do if it has to make significant cuts.

Although the new High School will have room for 1,700 students, there will only be around 1,400 students in the school next year. Mr. Neal said the town could wait a year to provide the furnishings for the other 300 students. But to receive 60 percent reimbursement from the state, residents would have to approve the furniture money specifically for the building project within one year.

Jim Marsh, building committee chairman, said if millions are cut, it is unlikely those items will be added back in time to receive 60 percent reimbursement.

"I would just add that I don't think that the town, the people who have been involved with the project, have in any way or in any capacity violated the trust of the town. At no time have any of those players acted in a capacity not in the best interest of the town," he said. "There are a set of unfortunate



circumstances that have allowed the project to overrun. No one makes light of that.

"To me it would be a shame not to

finish this project," he said. "To be able to finish the project, that's what's going to last. And if you don't finish the project, that's what's going to last."